



Artist of the week

Jesse Hendrickson in teacher Ms. Austin's fourth grade class, was named Artist of the Week at Tyler Elementary School in Belleville. Students in Brie Stosick's art classes studied Paul Klee and the Blue Rider School of Painting. They used these artist's visions to create unique and original self-portraits.

Belleville High students awarded scholarships

Belleville High School students Kara Wenzel and Stephanie Nota were recently selected as scholarship winners.

Wenzel has been selected as a 2000 Toyota Community Scholar, receiving a guaranteed four-year scholarship valued at \$10,000 (\$2,500 per year). She is also eligible to become one of 12 national scholars. She has been invited to an all-expense paid Recognition Weekend in Louisville, Ky. in May.

Nota has been named a Flanagan Scholar which entitles her to a \$10,000 Wayne RESA Future Teachers Scholarship. She was selected because of her outstanding record of community service, leadership and high scholastic achievement, along with an impressive essay on "Why Great Teachers are Needed in Our Communities." She has been invited to attend the formal Future Teachers Scholarship Awards Program and Reception to be held on May 11.

All-flute band comes to Belleville

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts and Media One Communications are proud to announce the Michigan Flute Orchestra in concert on Sunday, May 7, at Trinity Episcopal Church, Belleville. The concert will begin at 3:30 p.m.

The Michigan Flute Orchestra, an ensemble of dedicated and accomplished flautists from southeastern Michigan, performs a varied repertoire of classical and popular music. Under the direction of founder Shaul Ben-Meir, this flute orchestra represents the entire spectrum of the flute family—from the littlest piccolo to the largest bass flute. The MFO has performed with world renowned flautists Jean-Pierre Rampal and Claudi Arimany and has been the guest artists at the Michigan Flute Festival and the Western Michigan Flute Festival. They have also performed on the stages of Detroit's Orchestra Hall, Midland Center for the Arts, Calvin College and other sites throughout the state.

Ben-Meir has achieved international acclaim as a winner of the international Wind Instruments Competition in Helsinki, Finland, plus as an international recording artist and flute choir music arranger. He was the performer principal flautist with the Haifa Symphony Orchestra of Israel and Visiting Professor at Ithaca College in New York.

Ben-Meir was also a member of the Detroit Symphony

Orchestra, and has served as director of the National Flute Association's Professional Flute Choir at the Washington D.C., New York City and Atlanta Conventions. Ben-Meir has also directed the American Flute Choir France Tour and will be once again directing this flute choir on its tour of England this May. He is highly sought after by various flute clubs around the country for the flute choir reading sessions, from the Florida Flute Association to the Central Ohio Flute Association. Ben-Meir has also guest conducted several flute choirs, including the Space Coast Flute Choir.

Tickets for this concert are \$5 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens and \$1 for students with ID. They are available at the BACA office on Main Street, at the Chamber of Commerce in Belleville, and at the door.

BACA is a non-profit organization that brings the different aspects of the arts to the tri-community area. From the Art Smart and Scholarship Art Show in the schools to the Belleville Community Band and Brunch with Bach series in the community, the council works year-round to showcase art and artists. It most recently opened an art gallery in the downtown office and is presenting Dance 2000, a day of dance that is open to the public.

For more information about this event and other BACA events, please call (734) 697-8123.

VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS COUNTIES OF WAYNE AND WASHTENAW STATE OF MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Annual School Election of the School District will be held on Monday, June 12, 2000.

TAKE NOTICE that the following shall be voted upon by the electors at the annual election to be held on Monday, June 12, 2000:

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

There shall be an election of two (2) members to the Board of Education of the District for full terms of four years, ending in 2004. The names of all eligible School Board candidates, as verified by the Secretary of the Board of Education, shall be placed on the ballot for the election. The following persons have been nominated to fill the two vacancies:

Robert Binert
Victor Hogan
Keith Johnston

THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER WITH THE APPROPRIATE CITY OR TOWNSHIP CLERKS, IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2000, IS MONDAY, MAY 15, 2000. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, MAY 15, 2000, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION.

Persons planning to register with the respective city or township clerks must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerks' offices are open for registration.

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

Ralph A. Nodwell
Secretary, Board of Education

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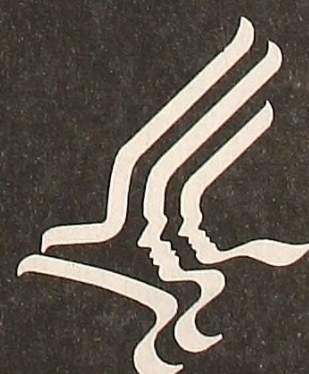
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Adams principal suspended

By IVAN HELFMAN
MCN Staff Writer

Adams Middle School Principal Celestine Sanders has been suspended with pay pending a police investigation.

"The Westland police department has been conducting an investigation regarding matters connected with the principal of Adams Middle School," said Wayne-Westland Superintendent Greg Baracy. "Based on the investigation, the district has suspended Celestine Sanders with pay pending our investigation as well as the outcome of the police investigation."

Baracy emphasized that there

is no proof of wrongdoing.

"At this point, the district has not reached any conclusion regarding the effect of her investigation or any conclusions about her employment."

The district placed Assistant Principal Mark Ceasar in charge of Adams, which is located on Palmer Road, between Venoy and Wildwood.

The district hired retired administrator Walt Durant to help.

"The investigation is ongoing," said Baracy, who, under the advice of school attorneys, would not comment on the allegations. Neither would Westland police, who said that no information will be released at this time.

Sound Off

Continued from page A-1

Good thing that Robin Moore chose not to run for re-election

The orchestration at Westland's council meeting to have school board President Robin Moore speak at the end of the meeting, where no one had a chance to let this city know precisely why she would risk more of her reputation to defend her lover, is just pinpointing one of the reasons why Trav, David Cox, Sharon Scott and David James are targeted.

It is one thing to fight with honesty, but to use lies because they have no choice due to the integrity of people recalling them, is cowardly. I can only say it is a good thing that Robin Moore is

not running for school board again, for she would surely be embarrassed to find that the citizens of Westland have judged her behavior and found her sadly lacking.

Finally, the people of this community know exactly where she is coming from, and who is directing her. This community will just consider the source.

People who elected Shirley Powser ought to toss her out of office

The very people that elected Shirley Powser to office, should be the very people that work to keep her from being elected again. The once champion of the people dedicated to seeing that the city of Wayne do things above board has resorted to doing the very same thing.

At a special meeting of the council on the new budget, councilwoman Powser brought up the recently scheduled meeting for

researching into letting the people elect the mayor.

Why didn't she wait for the regular meeting on May 2, where more of the public would be tuned in?

Further, I was not aware that any business could be conducted other than that for which the meeting was called, in the case, the new budget. Of course, the council doesn't have any rules, they can do whatever they want to do.

All high school baseball players should play in games, not just a few

I was calling regarding high baseball. Obvious a lot of teams have fights.

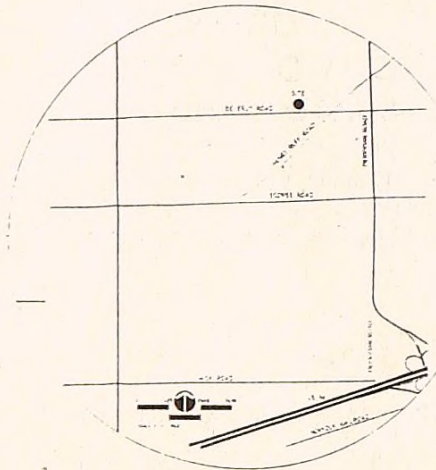
And why does it look like there's only five members on a team when you have 18 members sitting there?

I know several teams that do this. If you have 18 players, 18 players ought to be playing, and their names ought to be mentioned periodically.

**Don't forget
to pick up Eyewitness
this Sunday!**

CITY OF ROMULUS PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised, that the City of Romulus Planning Commission has scheduled a Public Hearing to be held Monday, May 15, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. Prevailing Eastern Time in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485. The purpose of the meeting is to consider PC-2000-026, a request for Special Use Land Approval for an elementary school on 19.66 acres [DP# 009 99 0002 001] on the north side of Beverly Road between Wayne and Henry Ruff Roads located in a R1-A (Single Family Residential) zoned district.



All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Monday, May 15, 2000 and should be addressed to Bradley Raymond, Director, Building, Safety and Engineering Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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Future Legal Beagle

City Attorney Angelo Plakas presents a \$100 bond to Law Day essay contest winner Derek Lorraine, a Wayne-Westland John Glenn High School student, who on the topic, "Should the Internet and mass media be regulated?" Photo by Ivan Helfman

Spring has sprung Read Help Wanted's

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD APRIL 3, 2000 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Randolph Gear, Mayor Pro Tem

Present: William A. Crova, Randolph Gear, Donald Morris, Michael A. Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth
Absent: None
Excused: LeRoy D. Burcroff

Administrative Officials in Attendance:
William Oakley, Mayor
Linda Choate, CMC, Clerk
Pamela Kersey, Treasurer

1. Motion by Romak, supported by Romak to accept the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth

Nays - None. Abstain - Morris.
Motion Carried.

00-108

2A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Romulus City Council held March 27, 2000.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None. Abstain - Morris.
Motion Carried.

00-109

3A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to approve PC-2000-010, the request from Adebe and Charles Shamey to rezone Lots 301, 302, 303, 304 of the Ecorse Community Subdivision, (DP#s 044 01 0301 000 & 044 01 0303 000) from R1-B Single Family Residential to C-1 (Local Business) for a restaurant.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-110

5A. Motion by Crova, supported by Morris to approve the annual Free Dumping Week from May 13, 2000 through May 20, 2000 excluding Sunday, May 14, 2000 at the Department of Public Works Building, 34100 Goddard weekdays 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and Saturdays 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-111

5B. Motion by Romak, supported by Wadsworth to award Bid 99/00-76 to the only bidder, the City of Traverse City in the amount of \$7,000.00 for the purchase of seven (7) Accuvote 1.92g Tabulators and ballot boxes.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-112

5C. Motion by Romak, supported by Morris to permit Sunset Excavating Company through Bid 99-07 Miscellaneous Water and Sewer Construction Projects to perform the necessary repairs to the manhole deterioration at the Grant and Olive intersection and sewer taps at Ozga Road south of Wick and sewer taps at Ozga Road south of Wick. Repairs are not to exceed \$7,000.00 per project.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-113

5D. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to appoint Rick Perry to the Downtown Development Authority Board, term to expire July 31, 2003.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-114

5E. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Morris to concur with the recommendation of the City Attorney and to proceed as directed in the case of Chad Schafer vs City of Romulus.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-115

6A1. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to approve the second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendment 99/00-17 introduced at the meeting of March 27, 2000.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-116

8A. Motion by Romak, supported by Wadsworth to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of William Carney.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-117

8B. Motion by Morris, supported by Romak to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Caroline Williams.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

11. Motion by Romak, supported by Wadsworth to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held April 3, 2000.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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Women's Wellness Health Fair is scheduled for this Saturday

By THEOLA JONES
MCN Special Writer

Just a reminder that there are two big programs coming up in the month of May.

The "Women's Wellness Health Fair", sponsored by the Top Ladies of Distinction Inc., Michigan Metro Chapter, will be staged from noon to 3 p.m. on May 6 at the Booker T. Dozier Parks and Recreation Complex.

The recreation facility is located at 2025 Middlebelt Road.

Representatives from various health agencies will be present. Among those agencies that have accepted to participate in the Health Fair are the American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, Senior Alliance and Focus-Hope.

The Health Fair will be staffed by professionals who will conduct free blood sugar

tests and take blood pressures.

Chiropractors, dentists and an optometrist also will be on hand to answer health questions. Pertinent literature also will be available, free of charge.

For those who need additional information, please contact program co-chairs: Norma McDaniel, at 734-595-1306, or Jessie Shelby, who can be reached at 734-595-3302.

Also, readers should take note that on May 20, Status of Women Chair Lady Tommie Butler and committee will present their annual Founder's Day & Awards luncheon.

This year's group has selected the beautiful Burton Manor for the event. Burton Manor is located at 27777 Schoolcraft Road in the city of Livonia.

Marian Shelton, a chartered member and a devoted mem-

ber of the organization, will be crowned as the Top Top Lady - 2000. She was selected by her peers for the coveted honor.

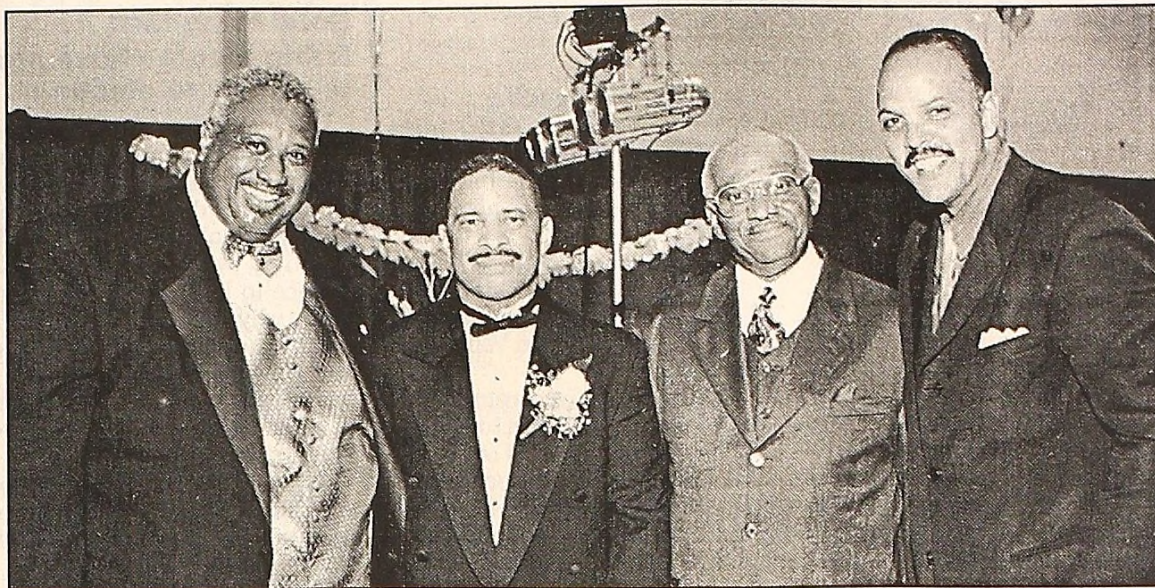
Lady Shelton has demonstrated "talent", "leadership", "optimism" and "devotion" - the criteria used to determine the Top, Top Lady.

It's a long overdue recognition for one who has proven to be valuable and a dependable member of the organization.

Lady Shelton will be crowned by Lady Jessie Shelby, the recipient of the 1999 award.

Naomi James, a third term Inkster councilwoman, has been selected to receive the group's "Dove Award." This award is presented in honor of and in memory of the deceased organizer of the group, Lady Lorraine Patterson.

Tickets are \$30.



The affairs of a city

Turning back the pages of recent history to the Mayoral Ball, readers will find some of the notables who attended the affair organized in tribute to Mayor Hilliard L. Hampton, Jr. The Ball brought together such dignitaries as Detroit Deputy Mayor Freeman Hendrix (at right), who served as the official presider over the program. Hendrix, an Inkster High alumnus, joins Inkster City Manager Robert L. Gordon, (from left) Mayor Hampton, and Ernest Hendricks, the dean of the city council, in the above picture. The keepsake photo will be placed in a "Memory Book" being compiled by the inaugural ball organizers for present and future generations to enjoy. Photo by Theola Jones

CITY OF INKSTER NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE CITY OF INKSTER 2020 MASTER LAND USE PLAN

The City of Inkster Planning Commission is preparing a new master land use plan for the City of Inkster. The Planning Commission invites interested residents to express their views at a public hearing scheduled for Monday, May 22, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. at the Booker T. Dozier Recreation Complex, 2025 Middlebelt Road, Inkster, Michigan.

The proposed master land use plan and maps are available for review at the following locations from May 5, 2000 through May 22, 2000:

City of Inkster City Clerk's Office 2121 Inkster Road Inkster, MI 48141 Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	City of Inkster City Library, Circulation Desk 2005 Inkster Road Inkster, MI 48141 Monday-Thursday 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	City of Inkster Booker T. Dozier Recreation Complex 2025 Middlebelt Road Inkster, MI 48141 Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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Public comments are invited. Persons unable to attend the public hearing may send their comments in writing to the attention of the City of Inkster Planning and Economic Development, 2121 Inkster Road, Inkster, Michigan 48141. Comments will be received through 12:00 noon, May 22, 2000.

The City of Inkster will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the public hearing, to individuals with disabilities upon five (5) business days written notice. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Inkster at (313) 563-3211.

Richard Wooten, Director
Planning and Economic Development

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CITY OF INKSTER Case No. 00-006155-CH

State of Michigan, In the Circuit Court for the County of Wayne, City of Inkster, Plaintiff, vs. Southwest Block Club Order Association and Holy City Missionary Baptist Church, Defendants. Order Allowing Substituted Service.

At a session of said court held in the City of Detroit, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, on April 7, 2000.

PRESENT: HONORABLE MICHAEL F. SAPALA, CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE.

This matter having come before the court for the Petition For Substituted Service and the court being fully advised in the premises.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that service of process be made upon the aforesaid Defendant in a manner which is reasonably calculated to give said Defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that substituted service be made in accordance with MCR 2.105 and 2.106 to serve aforesaid Defendant by posting at his last known address, by First Class Mail and by publication and that Defendants shall Answer the Complaint by April 28, 2000.

The Plaintiff has brought this action against Defendant and all other persons who may claim an interest in the following property in order to seek an abatement of a nuisance by demolition of the property located at 29249 Carlisle, legally described as: Lots 1, 2 and 3, and the north 0.30 feet of lot 4, Spector Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 86, page 23 of Plats, Wayne County Records.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendant shall appear before the Honorable Michael F. Sapala in room 701 of the Wayne Circuit Court at 9:00 a.m. on May 2, 2000 to show cause why an order should not be entered abating a public nuisance by demolition.

Michael F. Sapala
Circuit Court Judge

(A true copy)
Teola P. Hunter, Clerk
Milton Spokojny (P-20854)
Attorney for Plaintiff
30500 Northwestern Hwy., Ste.
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 932-0000

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May 4, 2000

The search continues for Inkster's Vikings

By THEOLA JONES
MCN Special Writer

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

To everyone who reads this plea, the search is on for members of the "mighty", "mighty", Vikings of Inkster High School's Class of 1950.

A 50th anniversary reunion is being planned for one of the greatest classes to graduate from Inkster High School.

The reunion is scheduled for July 28, 29, 30 at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, Detroit Metro Airport, in Romulus. All members and friends are invited to attend planning committee meetings.

Your help is needed. Spread the word that the search is on.

Contact committee persons: Jean Roberts Maura at 734-729-4591 or Lawrence Wells at 734-729-4399 for further information.

Read Classifieds!

School District of the City of Inkster Wayne County, Michigan

Notice of Last Day of Registration Regular School Election

TO: QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE the Regular School Election of the School District of the City of Inkster, Wayne County, Michigan, will be held in said District on Monday, June 12, 2000.

Two (2) positions on the Inkster Board of Education will be filled at the election. Each position is a four (4) years term ending June 30, 2004. Nominees seeking to fill said vacancy shall be voted upon and elected at the Regular School Election on Monday, June 12, 2000.

ACT 269, Public Acts of Michigan, 1955, as amended, provides as follows:

The inspectors of Election at any annual or special election shall not receive the vote of any person residing in a registration school district whose name is not registered as an elector in the city of township in which he resides.

THE LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION for the June 12, 2000 election shall be:

MONDAY, MAY 15, 2000

Electors who wish to vote in the election must be registered to vote no later than 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon on May 15, 2000. To register visit any Secretary of State branch office; the office of the Wayne County Clerk; or the office of the City Clerk of your city. You are advised to call ahead to verify office hours of the appropriate registration office.

Persons registering after 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon on May 15, 2000 will not be eligible to vote in said election. Persons planning to register must determine when the appropriate registration office will be open for registration.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having the following qualifications are entitled to register and vote:

- A citizen of the United States;
- At least 18 years of age;
- A resident of the School District at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of election, and a resident of the State of Michigan for at least thirty (30) days.

Sandra Motley Cook
Secretary Board of Education

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May 11, 2000

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CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Romulus City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, May 8, 2000 at 6:45 p.m. in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 to consider an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974, as amended, for General Motors Corporation, 36880 Ecorse Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174.

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This is an open meeting! All interested citizens are invited to attend, and will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposal. Written comments may be forwarded no later than May 8, 2000 at 12 o'clock noon to the attention of:

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Law Day slated on Friday

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Once again both senior citizens and Romulus High School government class students will join in a Law Day program at the 34th District Court in Romulus.

Real lawyers and judges will join with senior citizens from Romulus, Belleville and Huron Township in an inter-generational legal program.

Participants need to be at the court by 8:30 a.m. Friday. Refreshments will follow in court day activity.

In addition six grief counseling sessions will be held each Monday morning at the Romulus Senior Center under the direction of the Hospice of Michigan.

The 90-minute sessions will begin at 10 a.m. starting next Monday.

A special May luncheon celebrating Spring, motherhood and new beginnings will be held at 11 a.m. May 12 at the Romulus Senior Center.

Participants are urged to bring printed copies of their favorite poems on related topics, so they can share them with others.

After the luncheon, door prizes will be awarded and bingo games will be played.

The cost is \$4.50 per ticket and they are on sale now.

Senior Citizen Appreciation Day will be held at 10 a.m. May 26 in the park behind the Romulus Senior Center on Bibbins.

Games, activities and lunch offerings will be provided at no charge.

Applications are available already for the 15th Annual Downriver Senior Olympics slated for Aug. 7-11 in Southgate.

Yard sale opportunities are available for Romulus Seniors at the local Senior Center from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on May 19 and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on May 20.

Seniors are urged to box up their saleable items and re-

serve a table at the center. While the use of the tables are free, reservations need to be made early.

A member of the Wayne County Legal Aid unit will be on hand at 9:30 a.m. May 18 to aid the first 25 senior citizens at the senior center.

Because of the time limitations, seniors may want to arrive early that day.

A taped viewing of the Christian musical *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat* will be offered at 10 a.m. May 30 at the Romulus Senior Center.

The musical features Donny Osmond.

The viewing of the movie is free. But a lunch afterwards will cost \$1.50.

Those interested should call Pat at 942-6852 to reserve their lunch.

The Romulus VFW Commander Orin Prosser will conduct a memorial service next to the Romulus Veterans' Monument at noon May 28.

Raspberry Park signs approved

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Signs to be placed in the future Jimmie C. Raspberry Park were approved Monday night by the City Council. The price for the signs are \$4,258.

The park is slated to be dedicated in coming months. The sign request came from Mayor William Oakley and Recreation Director Debbie Dick.

Raspberry served as a Romulus City Councilman from 1970-97, during which time he helped sponsor two senior citizen complexes and public housing.

He fought hard over the years to have water, sewer, gas, lights and paved roads in his neighborhood as well as numerous others throughout Romulus.

One of Raspberry's proudest achievements was his successful sponsorship of the effort to name the local Post Office after local School District official Carl Morris.

Jimmie Charles Raspberry set ablaze many trails for others to follow and has earned a place of high honor in our community.

According to his supporters, Raspberry was known as a "people's man" as he often held his own "and was never afraid to speak up with his opinion."

It was recorded that "Jimmie Charles Raspberry set ablaze many trails for others to follow and has earned a place of high honor in our community."

Prior to Romulus becoming a city, Raspberry was elected as a constable and then was appointed a local policeman serving from 1955-61.



Jimmie Raspberry

In 1961 he was elected a township trustee and later worked to have Romulus become a city.

Raspberry has lived in Romulus for 57 years. He and his late wife, Cleo, raised five children. He has been married to his second wife, Wandra, for the past nine years.

He also worked for the Ford Motor Co. for 32 years -- including 28 years as the United Auto Workers representative. He also was active in various church and school activities.

News from area churches

Day of Prayer is today

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

The first National Day of Prayer of the 21st Century will be held at various locations across Western Wayne County -- as well as other sites around the nation and the world today.

One such prayer site will be at the Romulus Veterans Memorial (near City Hall) at noon today.

Pastors from a number of city churches and their members will gather as they take turns on praying for the city, schools, state, nation, churches and all its children.

Earlier in the day students, their teachers and others will take part in a prayer effort at 8:15 a.m. in Cory Elementary School on Wayne Road in Romulus.

Another listed ecumenical prayer program will be at noon in Gordy Park in Wayne -- behind City Hall. All are invited to attend.

Other services are slated in Belleville and Inkster -- as well as various other locations in the state.

Mrs. Shirley Dobson, wife of Christian radio show host Dr. James Dobson, is the national chairman of the National Day of Prayer again this year.

James Dobson is the host of

the daily radio program *Focus on the Family*, broadcast on many religious and secular radio stations.

The National Day of Prayer -- since the 1950's -- has been held the first Thursday of May each year.

A major prayer service also is planned in Washington D.C.

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Good Friday Walk

Pastor William Kren of the Community United Methodist Church of Romulus carries the ceremonial Good Friday cross as close to 100 Christians braved inclement weather to take part in the annual Lenten program. The marchers went from the Romulus Wesleyan Church at Five Points to the city's Historical Park for the holiday service. The Romulus Ministerial Association President Arthur Willis reminded the bi-racial congregation that day "this is what heaven is going to be like. Not everyone is going to look like you! And I know God has a sense of humor -- because he made me." MCN Photo by Al Post.

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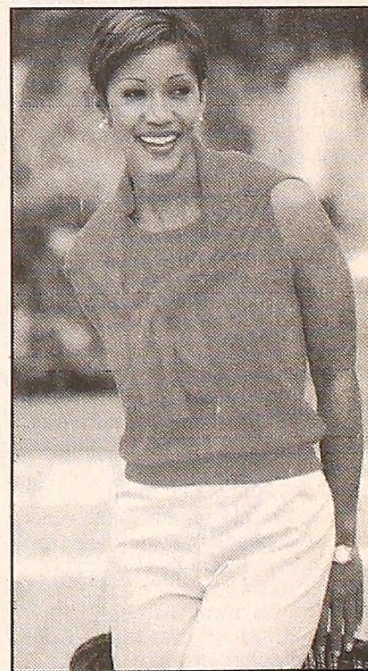


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Van Buren could have sent message with wide superintendent search

Two ongoing items in the Belleville area deserve our attention.

First, the Van Buren Board of Education will name Interim Superintendent Larry Tabor. Superintendent as soon as a contract can be agreed upon. Tabor took over for James Richendollar recently when the longtime superintendent decided to retire in mid-school-year.

What's peculiar this scenario is that the Board has refused to embark upon the traditional route of finding a qualified superintendent - that is hiring the Michigan Association of School Boards to conduct a full search for candidates and then through interviews and visits, determining which candidate best suits Van Buren. In a search like this, typically administrative staff, teachers and parents are involved in the selection process.

On a vote of 5-2, the Van Buren board determined a search was not necessary. They already had their man, Tabor, and he was right here in their district. Their logic according to a detailed account of the meeting was searches don't always work, are somewhat costly and probably would produce candidates who would use Van Buren as a stepping stone to a better job.

Everyone agrees Larry Tabor has served the district well, and would be regarded highly in any school's superintendent search. That is not the point. More importantly, and I think Tabor would agree, a search would have sent a message to some of the nay-sayers in Van Buren, and there are many, that the school district is attempting to shop for fresh ideas and new faces. One of the major raps against the Richendollar era was the school board's "rally around the wagons" persona in which criticism was the enemy and those that dared dish it out were ostracized.

But that message didn't come. Like County Executive Ed McNamara in choosing his airport director, the Van Buren School Board refused to go the popular route of inviting candidates. That is a shame, because Tabor's reign will begin tainted, before it is even started. He, the staff and parents deserve better than that.

Not all searches end up pleasing everyone. The City of Belleville chose a police chief from outside the city, and have been em roiled in controversy ever since. It appears Chief Paul Davis had the deck stacked against him before taking over the job last

year. Members of the tiny police department

were upset that one of them wasn't promoted to the job. Thus when Davis

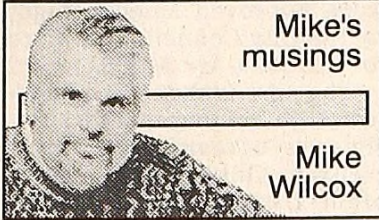
walked in cooperation was not going to be at the top of everyone's list. Davis, for his part fueled the controversy. And so did City Manager Steve Walters. Partly on the advice of former city attorney Steve Hitchcock, the two decided to take three longtime officers to court for essentially cutting out of work early. The charges were so laughable the judge after hearing preliminary testimony, tossed the case out court.

If the officers prevail in their countersuit, residents of Belleville will have to pay, and pay big. This will come on top of the dollars of overtime and attorney fees, this spat between chief and officers, has caused. This on top of a handsome payout to former City Manager Kerreen Conley who's disagreements with former Mayor Dennis Fassett also resulted in taxpayers reaching into their wallets.

One wonders where the city council was when their police department was increasingly losing its effectiveness because of infighting. On March 6, they were holding a closed session to discuss the situation, not allowing citizens or press to attend. Citizen Ralph Mayer decided to report the meeting as a violation of the Open Meetings Act. It was found, yes indeed, the Council had violated the Michigan statute and in Resolution 049, with egg on their collective faces, promised to the public that they would never do it again.

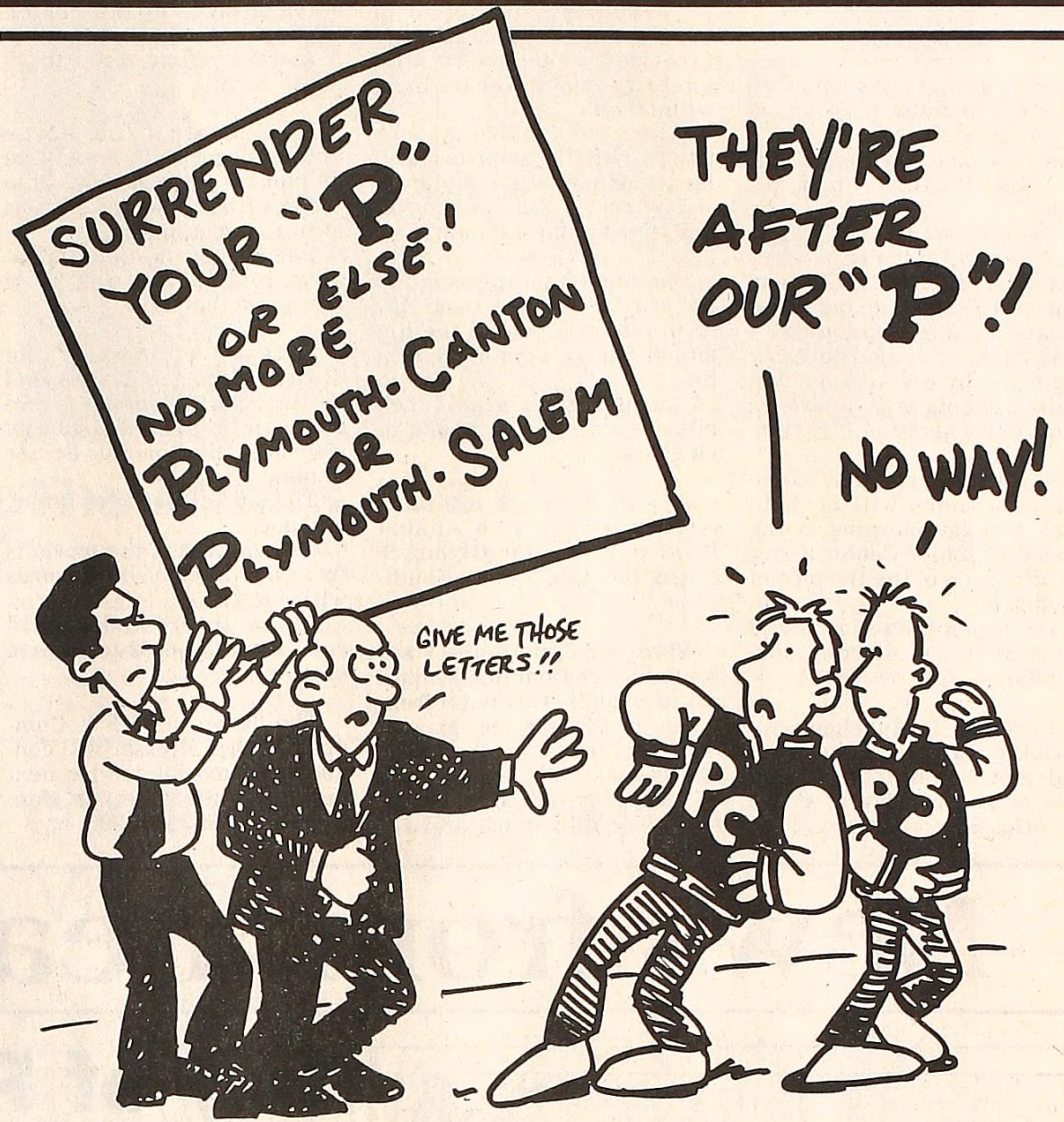
That aside, the Council has been asleep at the wheel. They should have dealt with the police department controversy early on. In a town as small as Belleville, everyone knows everybody's business. The Council knew what was going on, they chose not to act. Now innocent citizens will have to pay.

There is enough blame in this issue to go around. No one is innocent. The police department, the chief, the city manager, the former city attorney, the mayor and the city council have dropped the ball and acted inappropriately. The citizens of Belleville deserve better than this.



Mike's musings

Mike Wilcox



Hoping that Vietnam War memorial teaches history

Next to Ohio, Michigan lost more soldiers in the Vietnam War than any other state: 2,649. Yet Michigan is the only state without a Vietnam War memorial.

To rectify the omission, veterans have designed the Michigan Vietnam Monument to be built in Lansing Memorial Park, but the project can't start until the sponsors raise \$2.7 million to build the wall and establish a memorial maintenance and education trust fund.

After seven years of fundraising, the veterans are \$600,000 short.

In stepped the state's JCs, who will be holding fundraisers on May 21 on to help fill the gap. Westland's Mike Kehrer, a Realtor and recent city council candidate, heads the statewide drive.

In our readership area, the fundraiser will be held at the Westland Bowl. Individuals can walk in and bowl for \$15. Individuals and corporations can sponsor teams or lanes for \$100 or \$250 respectively. Kehrer will provide more information at (734) 595-1890.

This year, the beginning of the millennium and the twenty-fifth anniversary of the fall of Saigon would be a fitting year to build the long wall that Kehrer said will be suspended off the ground by stainless steel cables and will have soldiers at both ends.

It's your \$15 spend; however, I can't think of many worthier causes.

Besides our debt to the 2,649 dead Michiganders, the war changed - some would say liber-



Ivan Helfman

ated, others would say perverted - a generation of Americans.

The changes cut so deep that to this day people still argue about them. That's why the war's 25th anniversary has stirred a debate about whether the war was just or whether we could have won.

This is not the place to argue whether a 20-year war that took 3 million lives was just or not. The best I can do is dredge up a little history that I wish were more widely known.

Believe it or not, during World War II the United States originally backed Ho Chi Minh's League for the Independence of Vietnam against the Japanese occupation army and the Vichy French colonial authorities. Like US Admiral "Bull" Halsey, Ho made sushi out of the Japanese military. Thankful for American help, the victorious Ho entered Hanoi in the summer of 1945 and read the Declaration of Independence in the public square.

The American alliance lasted an eye blink. British troops conquered Vietnam's south and handed it over to the French, the alliance with Ho notwithstanding.

Despite Truman's betrayal of allied promises, Ho did not turn to Moscow until about 1954, when the American dominated Geneva accords set up a rival government

in Saigon while the French bombed Haiphong harbor in North Vietnam.

This, not the Vietnam War, was the reason American lost Vietnam.

Had our leaders honored their commitments to Ho, Vietnam probably would have remained an ally and not become the only country to defeat the United States in a war.

Thanks to our public school system's aversion to teaching history, few people realize that peace with Vietnam had been an alternative from the start because nationalistic Vietnam was never part of the cold war. In fact, after defeating America, Vietnam fought China.

The other little-known Vietnam-related piece of history is the price in freedom that Americans paid for the Korean and Vietnam wars.

As long as America remained at war, hot or cold, government remained in a war time mode with spies, high taxes, a militarized economy fueled by weapons manufacture, and restrictions on freedom.

Soon three generations of Americans knew nothing else, the result is a military budget greater than the combined defense budgets of every nation and only the "War on Drugs" and Serbia to fight.

Hopefully, memorials like the Michigan Vietnam Monument and the Wall in Washington DC will motivate people to learn more about the Vietnam War, its cost in freedom as well as its cost in lives.

Climate volcano spews out any old weather willy-nilly

This has been such a crazy spring-weather-wise. The temperatures fluctuate wildly - going from warm and breezy and lovely summer to cold and damp and positively Novemberish - all in a matter of an hour or so. I'm not kidding. Did you get that too? It was some day last week. I couldn't believe it. And then yesterday's weather was almost as crazy, except we didn't get the nice summery part. And then did you get that weekend snow a couple weeks ago? It was piled up on the ground and the next weekend the lawn mowers were buzzing. Crazy!

And those of you who have children living under your roof, you know what crazy spring weather does for your coat closet-shoe pile-entryway place! I mean how does anyone keep up with this - this "weather volcano" spewing out any old weather willy-nilly? Keeping up at this house means we've got winter coats stacked and hooked up on the same hooks with spring jackets and rain coats, and snow boots piled on sandals all sharing quarters with mud cakes and tennis shoes. And it's all multiplied by eight or ten or eleven, the number beyond eight depends on what friends are over playing and what it is they're playing. Trampoline in the backyard, basketball on the driveway, baseball in the rain-soaked, spongy area of the front yard, the backyard sandbox. Snacks at the kitchen table. The articles of clothing, the varieties of footwear, and the brands of dirt are everywhere. If it weren't so messy it would be quite fascinating really.



Family Room

Karen Meier

Now I've made it no secret that summer is my favorite, absolutely favorite season of all. For many good, solid reasons. And the need for little if any outerwear is one reason. A great big one reason. And the lack of need for footwear is another great big one. No socks, no shoes if you're just hanging around the yard or the house. Even if the skies open up and the rains come and the mud thickens and sticks, the hose is outside. Hose the feet off and away you go. Wow, you know what? While I was typing the word "hose" just now my fingers got mixed up and I wound up typing "shoe" instead of "hose," but before I fixed it I noticed "shoe" and "hose" have all the same letters, but just rearranged - so there you have it - trade in shoe for hose. And that's summer, the simple beauty of it!

Speaking of shoes, I'm still searching for Steven's shoe. It's been AWOL for a couple days now. Thank goodness we had a break in the weather for a day or so and sandals were acceptable

footwear, which, luckily, he has a pair of.

But I really do have to locate that shoe of his. And it's not like I haven't looked for it either. I've looked, I've looked everywhere. Frantically, calmly, solo, team, nighttime, daytime, I've climbed into the mind of his shoe, where would I be if I were Steven's shoe. That sort of thing. Nothing has worked. It's sure to turn up, though. It has to. It's still spring and weather happens.

I wish an inventive, creative, engineer type person could invent a shoe locator or better yet, a whatever locator. If you lose a shoe, or your glasses, or your keys, or the scotch tape, or whatever, just press the button on some comprehensive has-it-all-listed computerized panel. Then the missing shoe or the missing whatever would make a beep noise, and keep beeping until you found it. Wouldn't that be great? It might take awhile to catalog everything missable on the panel, especially in a big family, and to put a beeping thing on each item, but I think it would be well worth it.

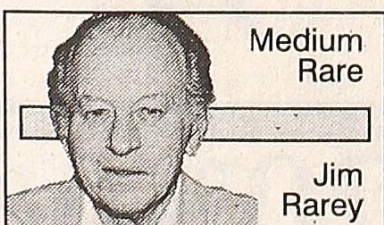
Oh great, Joe's just heading out now and he can't find his spring jacket. (Looking at that coat-shoe-sandal-boot mountain - that I know I just cleaned up and straightened out and eliminated yesterday, grrrr - I guess I shouldn't be surprised that he can't find it.) How did all that get so messed up so fast? Spring, Spring, stop it! Get on a temperature and stay with it. And Summer, hurry up!!!!

HUD officials may be guilty of manslaughter

Two recent tragedies in Southeast Michigan have raised the question of responsibility and culpability for shooting deaths that have occurred.

The first was the case of a six-year old boy who shot and killed another six-year-old classmate. The boy obtained the weapon used at a crack house where he was living with two young brothers and an older relative. The loaded weapon had been stored in a manner that provided easy access for the six-year old who took the weapon to school to "get even" with the young girl he had argued with the day before.

Law enforcement officials have charged the adult responsible for bringing the gun into the house with involuntary manslaughter. The legal standard that prosecutors will have to meet for a conviction is



Medium Rare

Jim Rarey

to prove that the adult acted with a "reckless and wanton disregard" for the consequences of his actions that a "reasonably prudent" person would have known could result in great physical harm or death to others. They do not have to show that the defendant intended anyone to die.

The involuntary manslaughter charge is often used against drunk drivers who are involved in fatal traffic accidents. It is difficult to argue that a "reasonably prudent" person would not know that driving

drunk could cause a fatal accident.

The second tragedy involved a 56-year-old tenant of a "senior" housing complex subsidized by the federal department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The man is suffering from schizophrenia and was taking mind-altering drugs for the condition. In the early 1990's HUD changed the occupancy rules to require local senior housing officials to accept the applications of mentally disturbed persons of any age (those with mental "disabilities") unless a background check disclosed criminal activity.

Although normally a mild-mannered person, according to those who know him, the tenant in his alter persona was described as a hot-tempered foul-mouthed individual suffering from delusions of persecution.

Several of the elderly (female) tenants had complained of his behavior and wanted him evicted from the building. As required by HUD rules, a confrontation was arranged between the man and his accusers. During the "meeting" he stormed out, went to his apartment, returned with a rifle and went on a shooting rampage resulting in the deaths of three women.

Where is the responsibility and culpability in this tragedy? The shooter can hardly be classified as a "reasonably prudent" person. But what about those who made the rules making a tragedy like this almost inevitable? In this writer's opinion, they showed a "reckless and wanton disregard" for the safety of the defenseless senior occupants. Should they (the rule-makers) be charged with involuntary manslaughter?



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Letters from our readers

M I C H I G A N C O M M U N I T Y N E W S P A P E R S

Officer recalls problems with Paul Davis in 1970s

To the Editor:

After reading with great interest and some amusement about the latest caper of Paul Davis I could not resist sending you my dealings with Davis.

Back in the early 70s I was a young police officer in Detroit assigned to the 14th Precinct. Davis was a sergeant assigned to Internal Affairs.

My Partner and myself were summoned to his office and informed that a complaint had been made against us accusing us of being involved in drugs. Needless to say we were somewhat upset. After establishing that the report was false I insisted that a warrant request be made to the Wayne County Prosecutors Office for the person who made the false felony report. It was then that Davis showed his true colors. He refused and was upset that the case against us proved to be false. He seemed to enjoy putting us through some anxious moments.

I went to his superiors and again insisted that a warrant be pursued. He was ordered to do so and a warrant was secured.

Sometime after that I ran into Davis in the garage at police headquarters and he advised he would "get me".

The point is this: Paul Davis did not like police officers then, and he obviously has not changed today. Using Davis own words that he made some enemy's while he worked at Internal Affairs. I worked at Homicide, Armed Robbery, Sex Crimes and Internal Affairs.

I certainly made no enemies while working at Internal Affairs because I treated people with honesty, dignity and respect. Belleville had a fine and honest Chief prior to Davis in Hal Berriman. Apparently Belleville would rather have controversy than tranquility.

Davis should be fired and the person who hired him should also be fired. Apparently his background was never checked. As far as his domestic abuse case goes it does not surprise me. I retired after 27 years with Detroit. Twenty of those years were as a supervisor. The Paul Davis types come and go, but they always leave controversy and turmoil in their wake. They are interested in only one thing: themselves.

Sincerely,
JJ Baval

Anybody can speak at a public meeting despite Griffin's criticism

Dear Editor:

How hypocritical of Charlie Griffin to criticize the recall members for going to the Romulus City Council meetings.

Are we not allowed at open meetings? I thought that you could go to any meeting, from anywhere and speak (Griffin's words).

Steve Johnson comes to our meetings, maybe at Griffin's behest, to attack our people, and he doesn't live in Westland. Me thinks he protests too much!!!!!!

Sincerely,
Chuck Papineau
Westland

Jim Davis, 'Gettysburg Address' educate Westland woman

What I, The Fab Four Lady, want to talk about is the origin of the phrase "of the people, by the people, for the people."

It really bothered me using that phrase in the past, yet, not knowing from whence it came.

So, where is it written? Not in our U.S. Constitution, as many people believe, although it, also, holds another good phrase, "We the people."

Our fellow American and Westland citizen Jim Davis pointed me in the right direction. By the way, having known Jim only since January 2000, I would describe him as "strong, stubborn, and proud." And

though we don't agree on every issue, I'm proud to say that I know him because he has taken the time to teach me many things about the history of our city.

Let us travel back in time to the year 1990...1960...1899...back to the year of our Lord 1863, on Nov. 19 in the small town of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

Look! Can you see the crowd? It's getting clearer. Someone is getting ready to speak. Oh, my God, it's Abe! "Ladies and gentlemen. I now give to you the 16th president of the United States, President Abraham Lincoln."

"Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure.

We are met on a great bat-

tlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that this nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate -- we cannot consecrate -- we cannot hallow -- this ground.

The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here.

It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us -- that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure

of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain -- that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

Now you know.

And, The Fab Four Lady is a little less ignorant.

Angela "The Fab Four Lady" Frances Todd
Westland

Peters bill protects small wetlands

To the Editor:

In honor of Earth Day, I will introduce legislation which will require Michigan to protect smaller wetlands on public lands that are not currently

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Your questions could be answered in the next issue of this paper.

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The Effects of Age on the Teeth and Mouth

Q: What are some of the effects of aging on the teeth and mouth?

A: As people get older, there are many changes the body will go through. Quite a few of these affect the mouth and teeth. We have all heard of the saying, "long in the tooth", to refer to someone who is elderly. Well, that is a reference to the periodontal disease which so often affects the elders of our population. Periodontal, or gum disease, is a progressive loss of the bones and gum tissue which attach the teeth to the mouth. Gum disease is not an inevitable part of growing older, but is certainly more prevalent among the elderly.

Dry mouth is also a common problem seen in older individuals. This so often is a direct result of multiple medications taken by the elderly. These medicines, while necessary for maintenance of overall health, often will have the side effect of reducing the salivary flow in themouth. As a result of this, patients with dry mouth are more susceptible to cavities, especially on the exposed roots of their teeth.



These are just tow of the multiple problems which older individuals may face with their teeth and mouth. In the coming weeks, I will take a look at some of these other concerns.

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People in the news

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People in the news...

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

An unnamed 41-year-old Romulus fisherman won \$100,000 recently, when he purchased a Michigan Lottery Casino Nights instant game.

The winner, who preferred to remain anonymous, revealed he purchased the ticket at the Country Market No. 66, at 1301 Brooklyn Road in Brooklyn.

"I scratched off the ticket in my truck just after I bought it," he said, "I was in shock when I realized what I had won!"

The winning lottery player said he really likes the Casino Nights game because I have been winning prizes regularly. I still can't believe I won such a big prize—it's like a dream."

While having a history of only playing Lottery games for the past six months, the winner said he likes the scratch off games the best.

He also enjoys watching professional wrestling and fishing.

The Romulus resident plans to use the winnings to pay off some bills and repair his vehicle.

Michigan Supreme Court Justice Clifford W. Taylor was honored with the Mothers

Against Drunk Driving top award on Sunday. MAAD's National President Miller Webb visited Michigan to present the award.

Anthony Marvaso of Romulus has joined the Farm Bureau Insurance Co. as a new agent serving the area at 43050 Ford Road in Canton.

Marvaso recently completed an extensive career development program for new agents, which prepared him for the state licensing examination and provided instruction in all areas of property/casualty and life insurance.

Prior to joining Farm Bureau Insurance as an agent, Marvaso was a manager at Willow Metropark Golf Course.

He has earned a B.B.S. degree from Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti.

He also serves as a House Committee member with the Flat Rock Elks.



Anthony Marvaso



Duncan DeBruin

Duncan DeBruin, a 1998 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School, recently completed his basic military training with the U.S. Marine Corps in San Diego.

While in high school DeBruin was involved in the school senate, football and Homecoming Court.

After a brief visit home, DeBruin returned to California for further Marine training.

Two area students, Jennifer Yvette Brazeal of Inkster and Ashley Brooke Mehl of Westland, have been named to the Miami University's dean's list. To get on the dean's list a student needs to achieve a 3.5 GPA or better.

Canton sailor serving on U.S. submarine

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Following a 100-year tradition in America, Canton sailor Thomas L. Hathaway IV is serving aboard an attack submarine homeported in Pearl Harbor.

Hathaway, son of Thomas Hathaway III, is an electronics technician aboard the U.S.S. Columbus and is following the underwater tradition dating back to the Revolutionary War.

The submarine uses a technically advanced system and can operated jointly with a battle group or independently to protect allied ships or destroy enemy vessels and land-based targets.

The ship is equipped with Tomahawk missiles, MK48 torpedoes and can travel at speeds up to 20 knots.

A 1994 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, Hath-

away states "my job consists of many of the same sort of tasks that any industrial electronics technician would do."

"I also work on the submarine's communications systems, phones and announcing system," he added.

While spending long periods away from friends and family, Hathaway said "the secret to success in the submarine fleet is that you must have a strong work ethic and dedication to the ship and its crew."

Joining 130 crew members aboard the Columbus, Hathaway declared "I wanted to do something different. The ability to live, work and fight in the underwater environment has always interested me."

"It was something that very few people get a chance to do," the six-year veteran sailor said. "I have seen places no surface ship travels to...from



Thomas Hathaway IV

the Arctic to the tropics, because submarines do things that aircraft and surface ships can't do."

While the submariner's job is often challenging, Hathaway explains it is not for everyone.

Submarine sailors must possess particular traits. "Work and study hard and be willing to give your loyalty to something bigger than yourself," he concludes.

Romulus sailor is aboard USS Wasp

Navy Seaman Jason T. Brandana, son of Robin G. McDougal of Romulus, recently departed for a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf.

Brandana is one of more than 10,000 Atlantic Fleet

Sailors and Marines deployed aboard the ships of the U.S.S. Dwight D. Eisenhower Carrier Battle Group and the USS Wasp Amphibious Ready Group.

The group includes 10 surface combatants, two submarines, nine aircraft squadrons

and one Marine Expeditionary Unit.

Brandana is serving aboard the USS Wasp, home ported in Norfolk, Va.

He is a 1996 graduate of Romulus High School and joined the U.S. Navy in 1998.

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SPORTS

A split decision

Wayne presents Wakefield with victory over Glenn, but Rockets win nightcap

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Newly-appointed Wayne Memorial varsity baseball coach Tom Wakefield got an unexpected but welcomed gift from his team in the form of a 4-3 victory over natural rivals, Westland John Glenn.

The victory came in the wake of a loss in the first of a twin bill against the Westlanders and Wakefield's former coach, Todd Duffield.

Glenn blanked Wayne 10-0 in a game cut short by the mercy rule for openers.

Wakefield replaces Jim Chronowski, the senior coach in the area, who was fired by the administration after he allegedly used an expletive during a team meeting.

Chronowski had been the head baseball coach at Wayne Memorial for more than three decades.

In that second game against Glenn, Ryan Ybarra and Glenn's Nate Campbell waged a pitching duel that was resolved in the top of the fifth when Wayne managed to put the tying and what proved to be the winning runs on the scoreboard.

Ybarra got some help from Matt Mackiewicz, who was called into service in the seventh when the starter gave up a pair of singles, then walked Jeff Mitchell to load the bases.

After a force-out at the plate, Mackiewicz then managed to strike out the next two Glenn batters to preserve the victory.

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"He (Campbell) did a fine job," said Duffield.

The Rockets scored all of their runs in the third inning when Ybarra gave up a walk to Brandon Ajlouni. Dave Holloway then singled and was followed by Mark Wacker who

walked. A sacrifice fly produced one run, the Rockets then put the other two on the board when Brian Rattray's flyball to center was lost in the glare of the sun and dropped safely in the outfield.

Scott Teasdale collected two of the four Wayne hits.

In the opener, it was all John Glenn. Behind Dave Mijal's two-hit pitching performance, the Westlanders shut out Wayne, 10-0. Mijal a junior

righthander, struck out eight and walked three to post the victory.

Wayne's Dale Zimmerman was tagged for 11 hits, including two each by Chad Sansom, Josh Day and Mike Grant.

The Rockets went on a run-scoring binge to begin the week. They scored a total of 28 runs in their split with Dearborn. Mitchell, who allowed only four hits, struck out eight and walked two, picked up the victory.

Mitchell got a lot of help from his teammates. Sansom belted a two-run homer with Holloway aboard in the sixth. He went three for three, scoring four runs and also carding three RBIs.

Ajlouny got his first-ever grand slam homer as a mem-

ber of the Glenn varsity squad. He connected with Brian Rattray, Danny Fedulchak and Mike Grant aboard. Grant also finished with a pair of hits.

Mitchell helped his own cause with a two-run homer in the fourth with Sansom aboard.

Mijal also had a good day at the plate as he tripled for one of his four hits, and Fedulchak came through with three hits, including a double.

Dearborn exploded for 17 runs in the second game and the Pioneers came out a winner in the 17-12 slugfest as Glenn starter Andy Copeland took the loss. He worked the first 3 2/3 innings and gave up

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Rains wash out Monday's games

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

High school coaches and teams were greeted by rain Monday, the first day of their return to the field of competition after the annual spring break.

All baseball games were canceled and will be rescheduled if time permits, according to the coaches.

The teams were expected to resume play on Tuesday as temperatures were forecast to reach in the upper 70s under a partially cloudy sky.

One of the key match ups in track & field will be between undefeated Romulus, seeking to repeat as Mega Conference, White Division champ, and challenger Southgate Anderson, a talented and veteran club that also is undefeated in its division.

Romulus coach Norb Glover (See related story) believes the outcome of the meet may determine which team will win the divisional championships.

In the meantime, John Glenn track coach Jess Shough and the Rockets pack up their gear after meeting cross district rival, Wayne Memorial on Tuesday, to take on title-bound Farmington in a Western Lakes Conference track & field match up.

"Farmington is an excellent team with a lot of depth," said Shough, the senior track coach in the area. "We'll have our hands full."

Wayne also has its hands full, clashing with Dearborn at the Pioneers' field on Thursday.

Struggling Robichaud will be on the roads today, and the Bulldogs will meet Redford Union in a Mega Conference dual meet.



A legend on tour

Legendary golf pro Hollis Stacy (above) will join more than 350 women in their support of women's healthcare through the Kelly Sorini Women's Healthcare Classic. The 8th annual all women's golf event will be presented by the Oakwood Healthcare System on June 19 at the Grosse Ile Golf & Country Club.

Hoop tournament deadline nearing

If you plan to play in the fourth annual Tyrone Wheatley Round Ball Classic, you have until May 19 to enter your team.

Wheatley, former Robichaud High and University of Michigan All-American running back, is sponsoring the tournament that will begin June 2 on four separate sites in the cities of Inkster and Dearborn Heights.

The one-game elimination tournament will be played at

Inkster High, Robichaud, Blanchette Middle School and the Booker T. Dozier Recreation Complex.

There are four age groups: 8-10; 11-12; 13-15; and 15-17. Registration fee for the eight-player tournament is \$75 per team.

For more information, please contact the Inkster Parks and Recreation Department at 724-728-7530. Ruth E. Williams, recreation supervisor, is tournament director.

Gross, ex-Inkster High hoop star, seeks to become a Shock

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

A star for four years while going to the hoop for Inkster High School, Lawanda Gross is seeking to make it in the pros.

Gross, an all-state candidate as a prep, was among those players who participated in the free agent tryouts held last week by the Detroit Shock, of the Women's National Basketball Association.

A deft ball-handler who can shoot the three-pointer, Gross has the potential of making it with the pros, said George Thompson, Jr., former Inkster High basketball coach and athletic director who is retired.

"She has a lot of potential," says Thompson. "And we will all be supporting her."

According to the Shock officials, the Shock didn't hold an

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She has a lot of potential, and we will all be supporting her.
- George Thompson, Jr.

open tryout last year, but drew over 350 hopefuls at its inaugural open tryout in 1998.

Tryouts were opened this year to qualified female basketball players who met any one of the WNBA's imposed eligibility requirements. The criteria included the following: 22 years of age; completion of college eligibility; completion of a college degree from a four-year college, or two years of professional basketball experience.

"The Shock is looking for qualified women who are seeking to fulfill their professional basketball dreams," said Shock General Manager and head coach Nancy Lieberman-Cline. "We will only consider those women who are in the best possible condition, who are able to play competitive basketball at the highest level, and who can prove their athleticism, skill and love for the game to us during the tryouts."

The Shock, one of the better teams in the WNBA, will launch their pre-season phase of the season at noon on May 17 at the Palace of Auburn Hills against the Phoenix Mercury.

They'll start playing for real on June 3 at The Palace when the Sacramento Monarchs come to town.

Crestwood, Fordson block Romulus path to the title

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Coach Keith Brothers and the Eagles want to achieve what no other Romulus High varsity baseball team has accomplished in recent years and that is to win their conference title.

But Brothers admits that their goal may not be obtainable if they can not dispose of two of their biggest obstacles which stand before them.

"If we're going to accomplish our goal, then we're going to have to beat Crestwood (Dearborn Heights) and Fordson," Brothers said after his Eagles swept a pair of Mega Conference, Gold Division games from River Rouge.

Brothers says that the two opponents were pre-season title coaches' picks to win the championships, and "thus far,

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If we're going to accomplish our goal, then we're going to have to beat Crestwood and Fordson.
- Coach Keith Brothers

they look like they can do it."

Crestwood visited Romulus yesterday, while Fordson is on the Romulus menu for May 8.

Heading into the third week of action, Romulus boasts a perfect 4-0 conference record, but the Eagles are one-game up above the .500 mark in non-conference competition (8-7).

Behind junior righthander Ryan Block, the Eagles humbled Rouge, 12-2, in the opening of their twin bill. The game

was called after five because of the 10-run "mercy rule." (At any point in a game, if a team has a 10-run edge, the officials have the option of calling the game at that time.)

Block scattered three hits, notched 11 strikeouts and walked two in chalking up his second victory of the young campaign. He also helped his cause by lacing three hits, a pair of two-baggers and a single. He scored twice and also had a run batted in.

Two other Romulus batters checked in with three hits. Alan Brohl belted three hits which produced three RBIs. He also scored twice, while Justin Goodman drilled two doubles and a single for three RBIs and also scored one run.

The nightcap, which did not count as a divisional game but

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Romulus wins Lincoln Relays championship

Belleville runners are 3rd

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Romulus parlayed a pair of gold medal winning performances and four silvers and a bronze into the Ypsilanti Lincoln Track & Field Invitational Relays

Championship.

The relays were staged on a bright, sun-lit sky at the Ypsilanti high school field on Saturday.

Romulus coach Norb Glover's Eagles placed first in the 4 by 100 and the sprint medley relays, and the Eagles turned in second places for the high jump, long jump, 3,200-meter and the 1,600-meter relays that provided them with the bulk of their 68 points.

Romulus finished 15 points ahead of host, Lincoln. Lincoln's 53 points were three more than Belleville. Belleville (50), Ann

Arbor Pioneer (48) and New Boston Huron (46) finished in the top five.

"We had a perfect day for a track meet and our kids responded the way I knew they could," said Glover later. "I am especially pleased with our 3,200 and the 1,600-meter relays because they stepped up their performances a notch."

The Romulus coach added that he was very impressed by the New Boston Huron distance runners.

In the 4 by 100-meter relay, Glover's lineup included Michael Woods, Fred Harper, Charles Sea-

rey and Ray Graves, who turned in a 43.6 in winning the gold.

The Eagles' lineup for the sprint medley (100 x 100 x 200 x 400) included Searcy, Ashley Terry, Calib Beasley and Ray Graves who were clocked in 1:37.0.

Graves and Harper teamed up to give the Eagles a second in the high jump competition. Graves cleared 6-feet, while Harper successfully negotiated 5 feet, 10.

In the long jump relays, Chris Talley (19'5"), Graves (18'11") and Joe Watson (19'8") were second-best in

the field.

The Eagles also were runners up in the 3,200-meters as Henry Staples, Searcy, Terry and Beasley churned an 8:22.0.

Staples, Beasley, Terry and Searcy also finished second in the 1,600-meter relay as they turned in a 3:32.0.

Romulus finished third in the discus relays as David Moonaw and Myron Mosby cashed in their efforts for bronze medals, and Mosby, Moonaw and Harper also won the bronze in the shot put relay.

In the grueling 4-mile re-

lay, Moonaw, Terry, Beasley and Staples also finished third.

Romulus will place its Mega Conference, White Division crown on the block today (May 4) when the defending champs travel to Southgate Anderson, a team that has the depth that could derail the Romulus title express.

"It will be a good test for our kids," admitted Glover, commenting on the upcoming divisional showdown.

On Saturday, the Eagles will join five other local and area teams to compete in the Birmingham Brother Rice Invitational.

Oakwood to host golf legend Stacy

Golf pro and legend Hollis Stacy is coming to town. And for a good cause.

Stacy will join more than 350 women in their support of women's healthcare through the Kelly Sorini Women's Healthcare Golf Classic.

The Eighth Annual all-women's golf classic, sponsored locally by the Oakwood Healthcare System, will be staged on June 19 at the Grosse Ile Golf & Country Club.

Participants in the Women's Healthcare Classic also will be able to enjoy a golf clinic hosted by Stacy, one of the most successful golfers to ever play on the Ladies Professional Golf Association tour.

In addition to the golf clinic, the entry fee of \$175 per golfer includes 18-holes of golf with cart, breakfast, lunch and evening reception.

Proceeds from the tournament will help to support women's health programs such as cancer education and prevention and support the victims of domestic violence.

"We are very excited to have someone of Hollis Stacy's caliber join us for this year's classic," said Jan Fitzgerald, chairperson of the WHC committee. "As one of the game's elite players, Stacy's professional record includes four major

Stacy is among a handful of athletes who have stayed at the pinnacle of their sport for three decades.

wins and 19 victories, including three U. S. Open titles."

Stacy is among a handful of athletes who have stayed at the pinnacle of their sport for three decades.

The WHC committee members are also excited about the raffles offered through this year's event.

"The raffles provide a way for all the members of the community to support women's healthcare," Fitzgerald added.

To register, volunteer, purchase raffle tickets, or become a sponsor for the 8th Annual Kelly Sorini Women's Healthcare Classic, please telephone 313-791-1234.

The Kelly Sorini Women's Healthcare Classic is presented by Oakwood Health System, which also owns and operates facilities in the city of Wayne.

Sports beat

Hoop City USA hosts tourney

Hoop City USA is seeking local teams for its 5-on-5 youth basketball tournament which will be staged June 10-11 at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti.

The tournament is open to both boys and girls third through 12th grades.

Each team is guaranteed three games. Contact Frank Wilson or Scott Summers at 1-517-886-2101, extension 13, for further information or to register your team.

More junior hoop action

And if the Hoop City USA Tournament isn't the kind of action you're looking for this Spring, try the basketball camps offered in June by Madonna University.

Boys will set up camp at Madonna; the girls will practice at Fairlane Christian.

Madonna University will be staging its All-Star Basketball Camps this summer for boys and girls, ages 8 through 15, beginning June 12 and culminating on July 7.

The camps' features include guest speakers, camp championship tournaments, a personal evaluation, shoot-

ing instruction, passing and receiving drills, offensive and defensive footwork.

There will be two camps for boys held at Madonna University, both camps will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The first camp for boys will be on June 12 through June 16 and the second camp is slated for June 19 through June 23.

There is a \$130 charge for attending the boys' camp; it's \$120 for the girls' camp at Fairlane Christian.

For more information, call Coach Bernie Holowicki at 734-432-5591 or 734-261-3346.

Madonna University is located in Livonia at I-96 and Levan Road.

Schoolcraft plays hoops

Down the road from Madonna, Schoolcraft College also will be the site of the North American Youth Sports Regional Basketball Tournament. Local teams are invited to compete.

The summer regional junior basketball tournament will be staged from June 16-18 at Schoolcraft.

The tournament will feature 10 different age brackets, both boys and girls, starting from fifth through 12th grades. Of course players will be com-

peting against their peers.

The entry fee for the tournament is \$225 and that fee guarantees each team a minimum of five games. Awards will be presented in each of the brackets.

If you want more information, contact 1-800-787-3265.

By the way, there is an entry deadline set for May 26.

Club to host a fundraiser

The Wayne County Wolves, a U. S. A. Travel Baseball Club whose lineup basically is comprised of local talent, is hosting a Golf Outing at 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 7 at the St. John's Golf Course at 44115 5-Mile Road in Plymouth.

There is a \$90 entry fee that includes 18-holes of golf with cart (4-person scramble), Closest-to-the Pin and Longest Drive prizes and a steak dinner after the competition.

All proceeds will go to benefit the Waco Wolves Travel Baseball Club.

If you need further information, please contact John or Karen Abrahamson at 248-473-1336.

Still looking for golfers

The Canton Parks and

Recreation Services is still looking for a few good lady golfers to play in its summer league and up coming golf clinic.

The Recreation Services, in conjunction with Pheasant Run Golf Club, is sponsoring an instructional golf clinic for women at Pheasant Run Golf Club.

The session consists of three lessons taught by a PGA professional, which includes instructions in chipping, putting, sand shots, iron play, wood play and golf course management.

Non-residents are also welcomed.

Deadline to register is Friday, May 5 or when the class limit has been reached.

By the way, there is a \$70 registration fee, and participants may opt to register for the 10 to 11:30 a.m. or the 5:30 to 7 p.m. lessons.

The Canton Women's Golf League will begin play on May 8 at Fellows Creek Golf Course. There is a \$15 registration fee, plus weekly greens fees.

The league will remain competitive for 16-weeks and prospective participants are urged to call 397-5110 for more details.

Sports Beat is compiled and written by MCN Staff member Tom Mooradian.

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Glenn, Wayne split double header

Glenn

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10 of the 12 Pioneer hits and 14 runs.

Ajlouny, a sophomore short-stop, again sparked the Rockets as he scored three runs after getting aboard with three hits. Jeff Koslowski also laced three hits and had two RBIs, while Josh Day put a

three-run homer in orbit in the seventh.

Glenn's Brian Toth accounted for two hits.

State-ranked Redford Union exploded for 10 runs in the top of the third to turn back Glenn 15-7 and 11-5 to sweep a non-conference doubleheader on Saturday.

Duffield started Toth who worked 2 2/3 innings before he

In the nightcap, Glenn scored four runs in the opening frame as Koslowski singled, scored on Sansom's double.

handed the ball over to Mitchell, who also had his share of problems silencing the R. U. bats.

Sansom, Rattray and Wacker each collected two hits. One of Sansom's was an RBI triple. Fedulchak man-

aged to double twice and also singled for three hits.

In the nightcap, Glenn scored four runs in the opening frame as Koslowski singled, scored on Sansom's double. Mitchell's single, Mijal's walk, and back-to-back base hits by Fedulchak and Mijal produced the two other Glenn runs.

Still seeking their first Western Lakes Conference victory,

Duffield and the Rockets began the week with an 0-3 Lakes Division record and an 0-5 conference mark. They're 4-11 overall.

After reportedly being rained out on Monday against Walled Lake Central, the Westlanders were scheduled Wednesday night to host Livonia Churchill before traveling to Plymouth-Salem on Friday.



A first at the Inkster Valley Golf Course

The challenging 18-hole Inkster Valley Golf Course, off of Michigan Avenue on Middlebelt Road, will be the site of the inaugural Tyrone Wheatley Golf Tournament. The tournament, co-sponsored by the Wayne County Parks and Recreation Department and the Inkster Golf Athletic Club, will be held on Saturday June 3. Limited to the first 144 players, there will be one celebrity in each of the foursomes, according to Wheatley. Wheatley is presently playing for the Oakland Raiders. There is a \$90 registration fee which will include a dinner and lunch after the tournament. Among those who are members of the organizational committee include Ruth E. Williams, Marcus Hendricks, Alfred Lee, Felton Jones, and Thomas Nash. Wheatley, a native of Inkster, was an All-American prep at Robichaud High School, who went on to star for the University of Michigan. He was a first-round draft choice in 1995 and will launch his sixth season in the NFL in the fall.

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as an out- of-conference encounter, wound up an 8-5 Romulus victory as senior pitcher Robert Belcher got the win.

Belcher worked 5 2/3 innings, struck out eight and walked 3 before Brothers put in reliever Aaron Brohl, who fanned four and walked three in his 1 1/3 innings on the mound.

Aaron Brohl and his brother, Alan, also combined for five of the Eagles' 11 hits. Aaron strung together three consecutive singles in four ap-

pearances at the plate, while Alan came through with two hits, two RBIs and scored once.

Ryan Block hammered a pair of doubles and knocked in four runs.

Rouge was up 5-3 going into the bottom of the fifth when the Eagles staged a three-run rally that turned the tide. Alan Brohl's single ignited the team. After Brohl stole second, Block doubled down the left field line, scoring the base runner. Then, Alan Brohl singled, with Block stopping at third. Goodman got aboard on an infield's error, then the next batter, Rick Foster, singled in the tying and go-ahead runs. But the Eagles lost their mo-

mentum on Saturday against an excellent Lutheran Westland. The Westlanders swept both ends of a non-conference twin bill, 8-3, and 12-10.

"We just committed too many errors and lost our poise," Brothers said after the double loss.

One of the Romulus highlights was Block's two-run homer with Aaron Brohl aboard in the second. Block also doubled and accounted for two of the Eagles' six hits off of winning pitcher Brian Basley.

Basley struck out two and walked none in the victory.

Brothers started Dennis Landskroener on the mound and the Eagle pitcher worked the first three innings, but he was plagued by his control as Landskroener walked seven, gave up two hits and five runs, of which four were earned.

Brothers turned to reliever Phil Kufel who finished up.

Landskroener fared better with the bat than on the mound as he collected two hits, a double and single.

In the second game, Romulus erupted for six runs in the top of the seventh but couldn't overcome a 12-4 Westland lead.

Alan Brohl took the loss. He went 2 2/3 innings, before Brothers called upon reliever Keith Timbrooks.

Belcher's three-run homer with Brandon Olson and Landskroener aboard sparked the Eagles' 6-run sixth. Belcher also had two other hits and a walk.

Foster tripled and got a pair of singles and Landskroener chipped in with three hits, all singles.

Under a rain-threatening sky, the Eagles were scheduled to play Willow Run on Monday, then visit with Tom Noland's Railsplitters at Lincoln Park before hosting Crestwood on Wednesday.

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Local HAPPENINGS

YOUR CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND INTERESTS

CHARTER SCHOOL PARENTS' MEETING is slated for 7 p.m. May 16 at the Crowne Plaza Metro Airport Hotel by the Metro Charter Academy. The parents will be told of the planned curriculum for the school that will include grades K-5 this fall and applications for their children to attend those classes will be available that night. For additional information call 800-699-9235.

IMMIGRATION POLICY DISCUSSION is slated for 7 p.m. May 8 by the Western Wayne County Republican Club. The meeting will be held at the Golden Plate Restaurant, 626 Wayne Road in Westland (across from the YMCA). John Petz from Sen. Spencer Abraham's office will be the main speaker. Meals can be ordered off the menu. For more information call Val Wolf at 734-722-0467. Ida Shelly at 734-722-8838.

BAPTIST WOMEN'S DAY PROGRAM is slated for 11 a.m. May 21 under the sponsorship of the Gethsemane Baptist Church, 29066 Eton in Westland. The all-woman team will be headed by Sister Ruth Byers, who will offer the sermon. Also taking part will be Chairperson Sister Betty Holmes; Assistant Chairperson Sister Mary Ford and Director Sister Rebecca Davis. For more information call 734-721-2557.

ROMULUS HIGH CLASS OF 1990 will meet Oct. 14 at the Marriott Hotel in Romulus. Call 1-248-360-7004 for more information.

ROMULUS HIGH CLASS OF 1970 will meet Aug. 26. For more information call Gail Howie Curaba at 734-697-1763, Roy and Cathy Miank Szyndlar at 734-699-3139 or Jim Wagner at 734-699-9050.

BLOOD DRIVE Harris-Kehrer Post 3323 and its auxiliary is sponsoring a blood drive from 1 to 7 p.m. May 8. The post is at 1055 S. Wayne Road in Westland. Walk-ins are welcome. For more information call Randy Buck at 734-955-3261.

CHRISTIAN MUSICAL SLATED featuring an Iowa-based trio known as *Sought Out* will entertain at the Living Waters Church of God, 5039 Woodward in Wayne. The musical will take place at 10:30 a.m. May 7 and a potluck supper will follow. The public is invited.

'FUN IN THE SON' SUMMER CAMP is being offered weekly this summer under the direction of Annapolis Park Church of Christ. Offerings will include swimming, field trips, organized sports and daily devotionals. Camp is for children ages 6 through 12 and operates from June 19 through Aug. 18 at a cost of \$65 a week. For more information call Roxy Hall at 734-284-6197.

RUMMAGE SALE is slated from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 5 and 6 at the Community United Methodist Church, 11160 Olive St. (across from Romulus Po-



Romulus senior citizens joined local business owners recently in responding to tornado warnings. In the top photo, John Brimble, owner of Captain Nemo's, joins senior citizens in the safety of his restaurant's restroom. The seniors include: Jackie Pregler, Margaret Maciejewski and Louise Shropshire. In the bottom photo, joining in a similar shelter effort at Terry's Hair and Nails are from left: Stacey Logan, Grace Bauldry, Dorothy Lutz, Terry Gnas, Margaret Maciejewski, Jackie Pregler and Louise Shropshire.

lice Headquarters).

NURSERY OPEN HOUSE is slated from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 17 at the Huron Country-side Co-op Nursery located at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 19109 Craig St. in New Boston. Interested persons (parents and children) can visit the classroom during the open house and meet with Mrs. Lois Winfield, who has been the teacher there for 24 years. For more information call 734-941-3527.

JOB FAIR THURSDAYS are slated from 9:30 a.m. to noon each Thursday at the Michigan Works Service Center, 304 Harriet St. in Ypsilanti. Call 734-481-2517 for more information. Today the companies seeking employees will be Home Goods, Norrell Staffing, AppleOne Staffing, Toys 'R' Us and Meijer Stores.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP will meet on June 8 with a nurse facilitator providing opportunities for all to share

their concerns. Held in the Garden City Hospital's Medical Office Building free of charge. For more information call 734-458-3311.

ANNUAL WOMEN'S DAY SERVICE slated at 11 a.m. May 21 at Amity Baptist Church, 27075 Carlyle in Inkster. Topic will be "Christian Women in Action for Jesus." Guest speaker will be Mother Crawford from the United Conference for Women. Rev. Anthony B. Eaddy is the church pastor. **JOSEPH JAMES TO PERFORM** Country Music Singer Joseph James, a native of Detroit, will kick off a three day Country Hoe-down at Hart Plaza in Detroit on May 19. James latest hit is *One Track Mind*.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP meets at 5:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Garden City Hospital. Call 734-458-4330 for more information.

YANKEE AIR MUSEUM will

salute America's heroes at its 2000 Memorial Day Observance from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 29. Events are free to the public. Museum is located at the East side of Willow Run Airport and is easily accessible off I-94 at exit 190. For more information call 734-483-4444.

COLLECTIBLE TOY SHOW is slated from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer in Plymouth. Cost is \$5 for adults and children under 10 are admitted free. For more information call 734-455-2110.

MEDICARE/MEDICAID ASSISTANCE PROGRAM information is offered from noon to 2 p.m. first Tuesday of every month in the lobby of Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road. Event is sponsored by the Senior Alliance.

FREE HEARING SCREENING is offered in the Garden City Hospital lobby from noon until 2 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month.

Senior citizens join in tornado awareness effort

Romulus officials and senior citizens took a pro-active approach recently as they practiced "where to go" when a tornado alarm sounds while out around the city.

They asked various business owners if they wanted to participate in the "Severe Weather Awareness Week" and several accepted the challenge, local Emergency Awareness Co-ordinator Margaret Leduc revealed last week.

Leduc said some businesses who were unable to take part during that week, agreed to do

so at a future date.

Romulus schools are required to take part in such drills each year. Two of the schools - Cory and Halecreek - actually joined in the drills during the ceremonial week period.

Leduc thanked the businesses and schools for doing the drills several weeks ago. She also urged homeowners to plan drills in the own houses at various times during the spring and summer tornado period.

Scouts honor Lynn Hayter

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Lynn Hayter of Westland recently was presented with a national Girl Scout award for her outstanding service to the Huron Valley Council of the Girl Scouts.

Also honored were outstanding Westland scout leaders including: Peggy Boike, Jeniece Kobylarek, Colleen Martz and Virginia Letelier.

Outstanding Westland volunteers included: Jody Dobos and Connie Rodriguez.

In addition the Wayne Branch of National City Bank received the Best Friend of Girl Scouting Award.

The Huron Valley Council serves more than 15,000 girl



Lynn Hayter

scouts between the ages of five and 17. It also has more than 4,000 adult volunteers.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP meets at 7 p.m. June 14 in Classroom 3 of the Garden City Hospital Medical Office Building. Call 734-458-4330.

FAMILY FUN AND AWARENESS DAY is slated from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 13 at Romulus High School. Everything is free. There will be health awareness tests, games, entertainment and informational booths including those from the Help Center, Teen Health Center, Romulus Police and Fire Departments, etc.

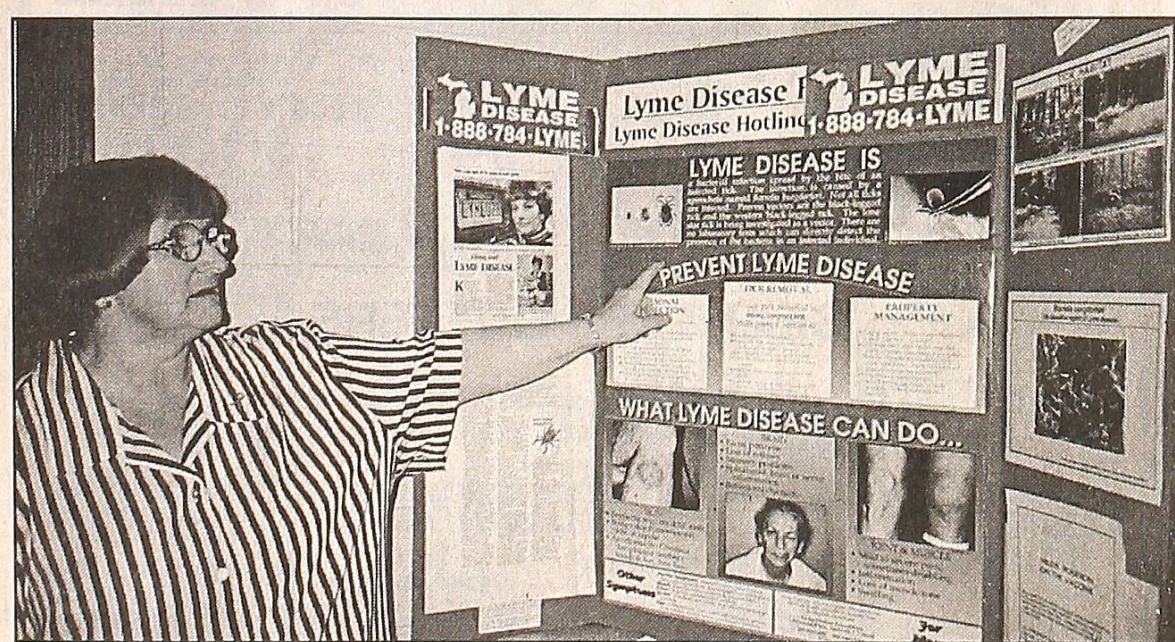
SWANEY TO BE INSTALLED Dennis Swaney, owner of the Romulus IGA, will be installed as new chamber president at noon May 24 at the Double Tree Hotel, 31500 Wick Road. Mayor William Oakley will officiate at the installation of Swaney and other officers. Tickets cost \$12 and deadline for obtaining them is May 17.

CROP WALK FOR WAYNE-WESTLAND will begin Sunday

at 2 p.m. at the First Congregational Church of Wayne, 2 Towne Square in Wayne. Members of 10 churches and the Salvation Army will join in the two walks (one two mile and one five mile) for hunger victims both here and around the world. Part of the funds raised will be used to support the Westland Fish Program, St. Vincent de Paul, New Hope Missionary Baptist Project and the Wayne Westland Salvation Army.

NEW AUTOS ON DISPLAY A 1903 Stevens-Duryea and a 1958 Ford Edsel are now on exhibit at the Automotive Hall of Fame, 21400 Oakwood Boulevard in Dearborn. For more information call 313-240-4000.

ROMULUS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will mark its membership luncheon at noon on June 20th at a location to be named later. Program will be offered on the new Metro Airport concessions plan.



Lyme Disease Program

Connie Siese, local Lyme Disease spokeswoman, revealed an "Education Night" on helping to defend your family against that dreaded disease will take place at 7 p.m. May 16 at the First United Methodist Church of Wayne. The program and available printed materials are free. For more information call 734-326-3502. MCN Photo by Al Post.

New music hall opens

A new music hall has opened in Romulus - inside what used to be the city's downtown movie theatre, 11114 Sterling St.

Promoter Larry Goodman said the next booking will be at 8:30 p.m. May 20 featuring two rhythm and blues groups Smokehouse and Mojo Rattle.

The new hall is known as Goody's Hall and has a renovated first floor.

The cost is \$10 per person. Goodman said the first band concerts were offered last Friday featuring the bands Betrayed and Sequoia Band.

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WEBB, BRENDA L.

CARR, EMMA "LOUISE"
Age 74, of Canton. Passed away Saturday, April 22, 2000 at Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn, Michigan. She was born November 22, 1925, in Calloway County, Kentucky, the daughter of Lawson and Mary Lucy (Holt) Fennell. On May 11, 1946, she married William Howell Wayne Carr and he preceded her in death on September 11, 1986. Ms. Carr accepted the Lord as her Savior on December 19, 1960 at the Community Free Will Baptist Church in Westland where she has been a faithful member. She will always be remembered as a devoted and loving mother and grandmother. Survivors include 3 daughters; Glenda (David) Fletcher, Gloria Block and Brenda A Carr; 3 grandchildren: Cindy Lietz, Mandy Block and Tommy Simo; 3 great grandchildren: Anthony William, Zachary Joseph, and Hailey McKenzie Lietz; 3 sisters and 1 brother: Betty Goad, Carlene Williams, Homer Fennell, Gladys Fox and Lorene Lovett; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by 1 grandson: Billy Block and 1 brother, Paul Lawson. Funeral service will be held Thursday, April 27, 2000 at 1:00 p.m. at the Community Free Will Baptist Church, Cherry Hill Rd., Westland, MI with Pastor Jimmy Lawson officiating. Burial will follow in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland, MI. Contributions in Mrs. Carr's memory may be made to the Community Free Will Baptist Church.

D'AMICO, JOSEPH F.
Age 69, of Wayne. Passed away on April 20, 2000. Dear husband of Juliana. Beloved father of Alida (Rick) and Michael. Survived by 3 sisters Phyllis, Connie (Jim), and Florence (John), and 3 grandchildren. Services were held at First Congregational Church with interment at Hillcrest Memorial Park, Bedford Hgts. Arrangements by Uht Funeral Home.

DIEDRICH, MARGARET AMY
Age 93, of Wayne. Passed away on Thursday, April 27, 2000 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. She was born on October 19, 1906 in Petersburg, Michigan, the daughter of Ambrose P. & Ada May (Jones) Faling. On December 24, 1926, she married Louis A. Diedrich in Toledo, Ohio and he preceded her in death on October 28, 1988. Survivors include one daughter Anna May (Diedrich) Ingalls of Chula Vista, CA; her daughter-in-law Dorothea Diedrich of Gregory, Michigan; 7 grandchildren, James (Debbie) Diedrich, Stephen (Barbara) Diedrich, David Diedrich, Matthew (Patricia) Diedrich, Janine (Jeff) Yeargain, Joy Ingalls, Todd Ingalls; 11 great-grandchildren, James A. Diedrich, Rebekah (David) Brock, Thomas Diedrich, Anna Diedrich, Melinda Diedrich, Alex Diedrich, Clorissa Diedrich, Noah Yeargain, Jacob Yeargain, Isaac Yeargain, and Kyra Yeargain. She was preceded in death by one son, James Louis Diedrich; two brothers, Harry Faling & James Faling; and two sisters, Clara Wright and Frances Bird. Funeral services will be held Monday, May 1, 11:00am at Faith Lutheran Church, Dexter, with Pastor Mark Porinsky officiating. Burial will follow at Pleasant View Cemetery, Petersburg, Michigan.

DUNAJ, JOHN J.
Age 86, of Romulus. Passed away on April 27, 2000. Survived by 2 sisters Helen and Jean, 1 sister-in-law Sophie, partner Marianne, 2 step-sons, and 6 grandchildren. Services were held at Crane Funeral Home with interment at Michigan Memorial Park.

FRANKLIN, WILLIAM G.
Age 81, of Taylor. Passed away on March 30, 2000. Dear husband of Alice. Beloved father of Janice. Survived by 2 sisters Myrtle and Ruth, and 4 grandsons. Services were held at Uht Funeral Home with interment at Sheldon Cemetery, Canton.

FRITZ, MARY ANN L.
Age 58, of Westland. Passed away on April 19, 2000. Dear wife of Daniel. Beloved mother of Janice and Mark (Susan). Survived by 2 brothers Bernard (Shirley) and Patrick (Cheryl). Services were held at St. Mary's Catholic Church with interment at St. Hedwig Cemetery Dearborn Hgts.

GRADEN, NORMAN R.
Age 68, of Westland. Passed away on April 25, 2000. Beloved father of Judy (Richard) and Wendy (Wayne). Survived by 4 grandchildren. Services were held at Uht Funeral Home with interment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens, West.

HELM, VERA H.
Age 92, of Westland. Passed away on April 19, 2000. Beloved father of Norma (Gerald), Arthur (Eileen), and Donald (Judy). Survived by 2 sisters Hazel and Blanche, 1 brother John, 11 grandchildren, and 14 great grandchildren. Services were held at Plymouth Church of the Nazarene with interment at Riverside Cemetery.

HIVELEY, HOWARD L.
Age 84, of Wayne. Passed away on April 17, 2000. Survived by 2 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren. Services were held at Uht Funeral Home with interment at Glenwood Cemetery, Wayne.

HOGAN, FREDERICK H.
Age 77, of Belleville. Passed away on April 28, 2000. Dear husband of Dolores. Beloved father of Linda, Michael (Catherine), Margaret, and Laura. Survived by 2 sisters Shirley (Charles) and Patricia (Steven), 6 grandchildren, and 1 great grandson. Services were held at St. Anthony's Catholic Church. Cremation rites were accorded.

HOLMES, JULIA
Age 81, of Dearborn Hgts. Passed away on April 15, 2000. Beloved mother of Steve (Jeanne) and Randy (Cathy). Survived by 4 grandchildren. Services were held at Vermeulen Funeral Home with interment at Glen Eden Memorial Park.

KISON, DOROTHY D.
Age 79, of Garden City. Passed away on April 12, 2000. Beloved mother of Patricia and Robert. Survived by 5 granddaughters, and 5 great grandchildren. Services were held at Uht Funeral Home with interment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens.

OLDS, CAROL ANN
Age 65, of Westland. Passed away on April 14, 2000. Beloved mother of Charles (Lynn), Cheryl (David), Colleen (Michael), and Ryan. Survived by 15 grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren. Body donated to the U of M Medical School, Ann Arbor. Arrangements by Uht Funeral Home.

RACHO, CHRISTINE
Age 57, of Northville. Passed away on April 22, 2000. Dear wife of Ramon. Beloved mother of Andrea, Craig, Diana (Guy), and Matthew (Mary). Survived by 4 grandchildren. Services were held at St. Kenneth Catholic Church with interment at Glen Eden Memorial Park. Arrangements by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

ROWE, CHARLES R.
Age 44, of Canton. Passed away on April 22, 2000. Dear husband of Linda. Beloved father of Jerry Lee, Tracey and Charles Nicholas. Survived by 1 grandchild, 2 brothers Ronald and Larry, 3 sisters Joyce, Sonja, and Jenny, and mother Virginia. Services were held at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home with interment at Cadillac Memorial West.

SMITH, SOPHIE
Age 94, of Plymouth. Passed away on April 27, 2000. Beloved mother of Marion. Survived by 2 grandsons, and 2 great grandchildren. Services were held at Vermeulen Funeral Home with interment at Glen Eden Memorial Park.

VAIL, JOSEPH J.
Age 51, of Lincoln Park. Passed away on April 27, 2000. Dear husband of Margaret. Beloved father of Pamela (Tod), Beverly, and Joseph Jr. Survived by parents Frank and Mamie, 1 brother Frank Jr., 2 sisters Sandra and Carol, and 5 grandchildren. Services were held at Garden City Free Will Baptist Church with interment at Hillside Cemetery. Arrangements by Uht Funeral Home.

WEBB, BRENDA L.
Age 55, of Ypsilanti. Passed away on

April 26, 2000. Dear wife of Thomas. Beloved mother of Tammy and Crystal (Dennis). Survived by father

Carson, 3 brothers Michael, Kenneth, and Daniell, and 3 grandchildren. Cremation rites were accorded. Arrangements by Uht Funeral Home.

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Romulus Community Schools is soliciting sealed proposals for Bid Package Number T1 - Local Area Network Infrastructure. The project consists of cabling and equipment to upgrade the current network infrastructure a 5 elementary schools as well as network additions to Romulus High School and the Administration Complex. Copies of the contract documents may be picked up after April 19, 2000 at Northwest Blue Print & Supply Company, 13450 Farmington Rd., Livonia, MI (734) 525-1990, Fax (734) 525-2790. For specific information regarding the project contact Rob Greager at Barton Malow Co Company (734) 727-0547. Sealed Bids for this Project are due on Wednesday, May 10, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. via delivery/mail to Romulus Community Schools, Dr. Joel Carr-Assistant Superintendent, 36540 Grant Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174.

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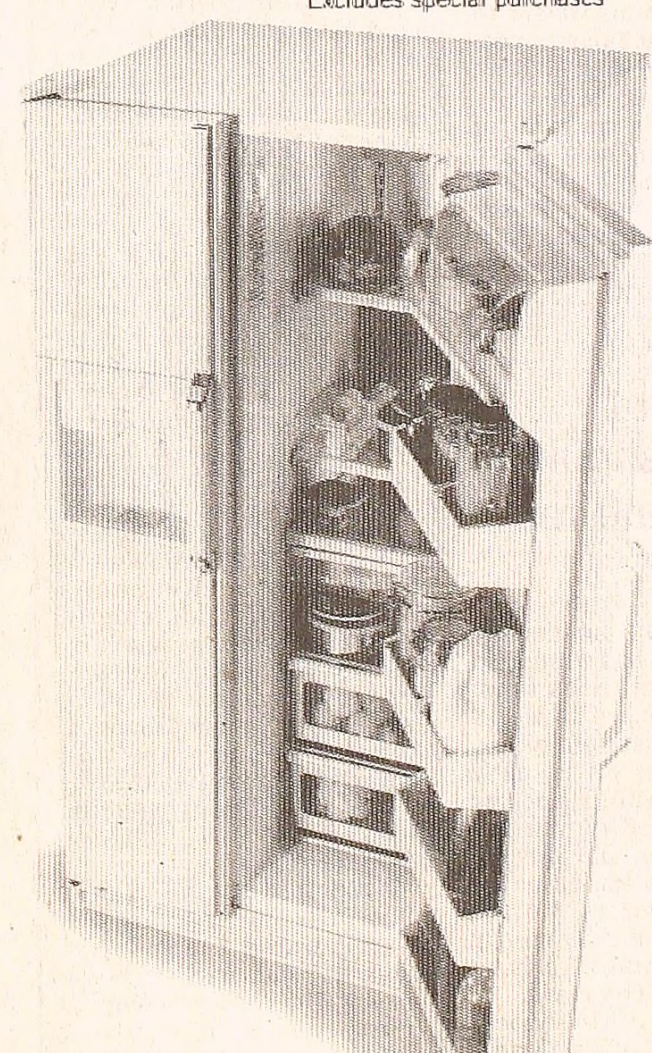
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Large or small, wetlands are valuable not just as natural features, but also because they provide vital benefits to society with essential value. Because of the significant impact on fishing, wildlife and the Great Lakes, our wetlands can play a vital role in the economy in Michigan.

Senate Bill 1235 closes a loophole from legislation passed in 1980 that exempts small "noncontiguous" wetlands from state protection. According to a 1996 Department of Natural Resources scientific study, Michigan has well over 350 small wetlands which are not under protection of the DEQ. The DEQ has failed to act on the 1996 study. I fear that if not protected, road-building and other publicly-funded projects may harm these small but valuable wetlands.

The bill is supported by the Michigan Environmental Council (MEC). "This bill is an important step in protecting more than 100 of Michigan's valuable wetlands," said Lana Pollack, President of the MEC. "We commend Senator Peters for his leadership. His bill reflects that best science we have on areas that are important for clean water, flood control, and biological diversity."

In terms of environmental policy, protecting all of Michigan's wetlands must be one of our top priorities. This legislation will ensure the protection of some of Michigan's most valuable resources for years to come.

Sincerely,
Rep. Gary Peters
D-West Bloomfield

Bennett says listen to locals

To the Editor:

I write to express my support for the Site Review Board's recommendation regarding the proposed deep injection well. Mayor Greg Pitoniak and I worked on legislation creating Site Review Boards in order to include communities in the site review process. Prior to enactment of this law, the Department of Environmental Quality was not required to take into account the objections of the affected communities.

While it is very important to base siting decisions on sound science, it is equally important to take into consideration such nontechnical factors as traffic congestion, property values and the fitness of a company to operate a facility. I hope that the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality will give serious weight to the Site Review Board's recommendation when making his decision. After all, the Site Review Board is made-up of people who would have to live with the well and the effect it would have on their community for many years to come.

Sincerely,
Loren N. Bennett
State Senator
Eighth District

Honest Pat Gibbons should run for state rep

To the Editor:

In the past 3 1/2 months, the City of Westland has witnessed local government in it's worst form. As citizens, we have witnessed the misuse of city taxpayer money as a city employee gambled on our time. We watched in stunned amazement when another city official tried to impersonate the recall organizers. We are still shocked by the seemingly arbitrary dismissal of a hard working, honest city clerk.

As a member of UAW Local 900, and resident of Westland, I am ashamed of the behavior of our city officials. In the union, you are reprimanded when you do something out of line. The city officials have chosen to reprimand the only individual who played by the rules in this sad opera of Westland. When City Council fired Patricia Gibbons, they took actions that go against what we stand for as a union.

Am embarrassed and outraged at the abuse of power

city council has exhibited. The arbitrary dismissal of Patricia was flat out wrong. Because of her hard work and personal integrity, I believe Patricia should continue to serve the Citizens of Westland. Patricia should run for State Representative and give the citizens of Westland an elected official that they can be proud of.

Carl Rawski II

President must address veterans' side of nuclear nightmare

To the Editor:

President Clinton says he wants to "right the wrongs of the past" committed against factory workers who built America's nuclear arsenal. To each civilian bomb maker suffering from cancers related to radioactive exposure, the administration offers either a lump sum payment of \$100,000 or a medical treatment and job retraining package.

If medical records are lost, the sick worker gets compensated. If there is uncertainty about the origin of the cancer, the sick worker gets the benefit of the doubt.

The government should have taken this approach years ago, with respect to "atomic veterans" deliberately exposed to ionizing radiation in nuclear tests conducted in the 1940s, '50s and '60s. "Atomic veterans" wore badges that recorded their exposure so that the government could determine the impact of radiation on the human body. They fought two wars: one for freedom; the other for treatment and compensation from the U.S. government, which for years denied a relationship between these veterans' cancers and their radiation exposure. As long as the government denied the illnesses were service-connected, the government did not have to provide health care and benefits to the sick veterans, thus prolonging agony and hastening death.

The American Legion fought alongside these veterans and successfully represented a major claimant. Orville E. Kelly in 1979 was awarded disability compensation by the VA for his radiation-linked cancer, a landmark case that set the stage for the awarding of benefits to thousands of "atomic veterans."

The American Legion also fought hard to persuade the government to provide health care and compensation for "atomic veterans" suffering from numerous cancers, including: thyroid breast, lung, bone, liver, skin, esophageal, stomach, colon, ovarian, rectal, prostate, pancreatic, kidney, urinary bladder, salivary gland, multiple myeloma, posterior subcapsular cataracts, non-malignant thyroid nodular disease, parathyroid adenoma, tumors of the brain and central nervous system, and lymphomas other than Hodgkin's disease.

However, many sick veterans do not get the benefit of the doubt that their conditions are service-connected and therefore rely on American Legion service officers to help them travel an arduous road to compensation. Some sick Veterans are awarded health care and benefits. Some are not.

Many veterans whose claims slipped through the government's cavernous cracks are now frail, elderly, and overwhelmed as much by betrayal as illness. Further, there are conditions that Congress has yet to make compensable for health care and benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs, including chronic lymphatic (lymphocytic) leukemia.

A White House panel poured over scientific studies of accelerated cancer rates among civilian nuclear bomb makers. The case for compensating civilian nuclear workers was compelling; no less compelling than the recent cancer figures on patriots who in their young adulthood followed orders and paid the price.

An Institute of Medicine study released in October found a 50 percent higher leukemia-death rate among land-based military personnel in the Nevada desert who participated in atomic experiments, compared to land-based troops who did not.

Death rates for prostate and nasal cancers were upwards of 20 percent higher for atomic-test participants, according to the ICM study.

Science, once again, proved what The American Legion contended for two generations, unfortunately through decades of government denials: Ionizing radiation contributed to cancer in certain veterans.

The American Legion, the nation's largest veterans organization, is a long-standing advocate of compensation and health care for "atomic veterans." As its national commander, I would stand proudly with any administration that would announce a new position: That ailing veterans henceforth exposed to radiation in any form will receive the benefit of the doubt that their illnesses are service-connected. They will be provided hassle-free medical care and just compensation in the Department of Veterans Affairs medical and benefits systems.

No denial. No compensatory shell games. Just the same treatment the administration today extends to civilian victims of a nuclear nightmare. That is what the men and women of The American Legion want, and that is what our nation's veterans have earned.

Sincerely,
Alan Lance
Alan G. Lance, Sr., is national commander of the 2.8 million member American Legion and Attorney General of Idaho.

Westland needs independent Pat Gibbons in state house

To the Editor:

The titles said it all, "Gibbons good choice," and "Gibbons for House." Those readers have the right idea! Westland needs someone that is an "individual of honesty and personal integrity," representing them in Lansing.

Patricia has consistently held her personal political leanings in check. She did not allow her personal politics to influence her position as City Clerk. Apparently though, choosing to file a grievance against a couple of current city council members for campaign violations is a political stance.

If that is the kind of stance that Patricia Gibbons will make on our behalf, let's send her to Lansing. Westland needs a strong, independent voice working for the citizens, not against them.

Darren Korbly
Westland



Recall in the park

A Westland resident signs Carol Black's petition to recall Westland City Councilwoman Sharon Scott at Westland City Park Saturday. "The day was a success," said Black. "We got 500 signatures for the recall and 500 for the elected clerk petition." Because of the response, petition circulators returned to some of the parks Sunday. Photo by Ivan Helfman

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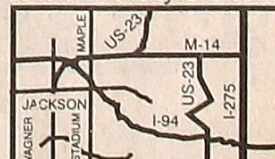
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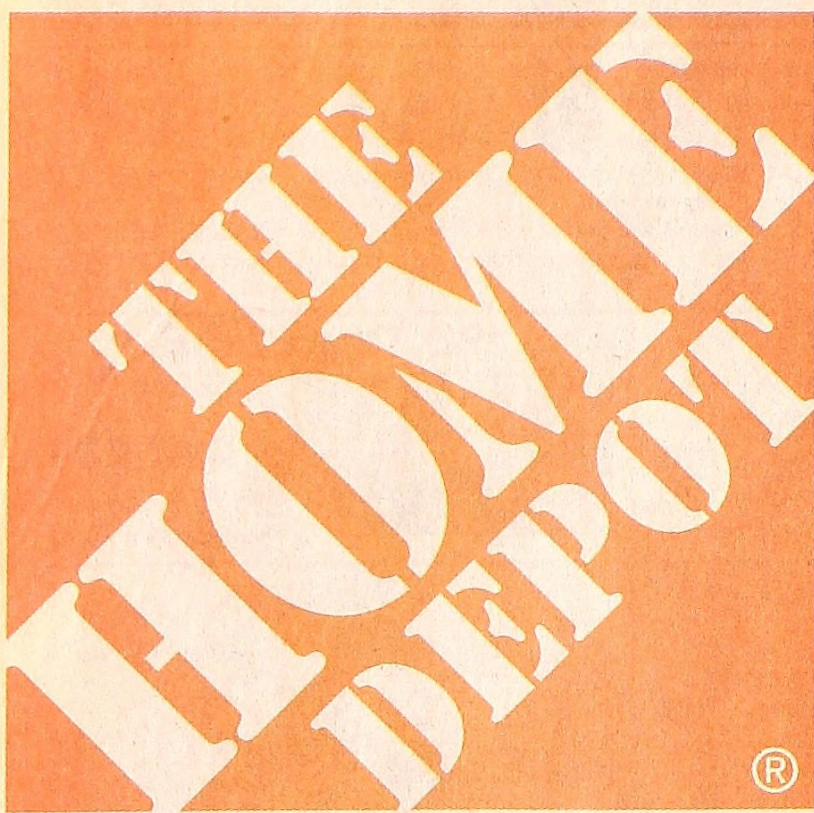
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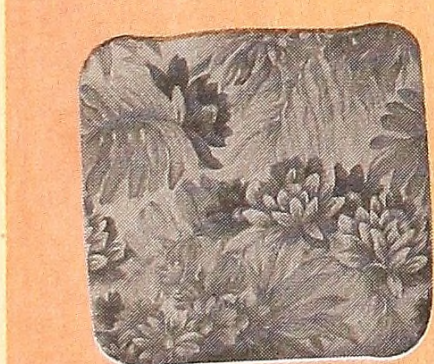
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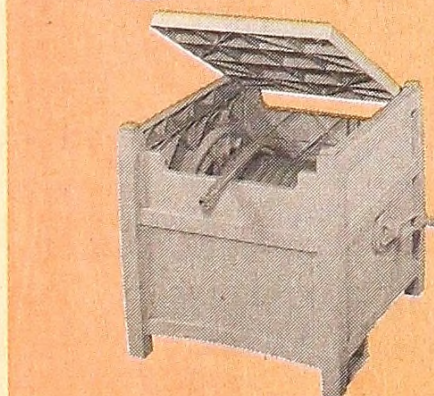
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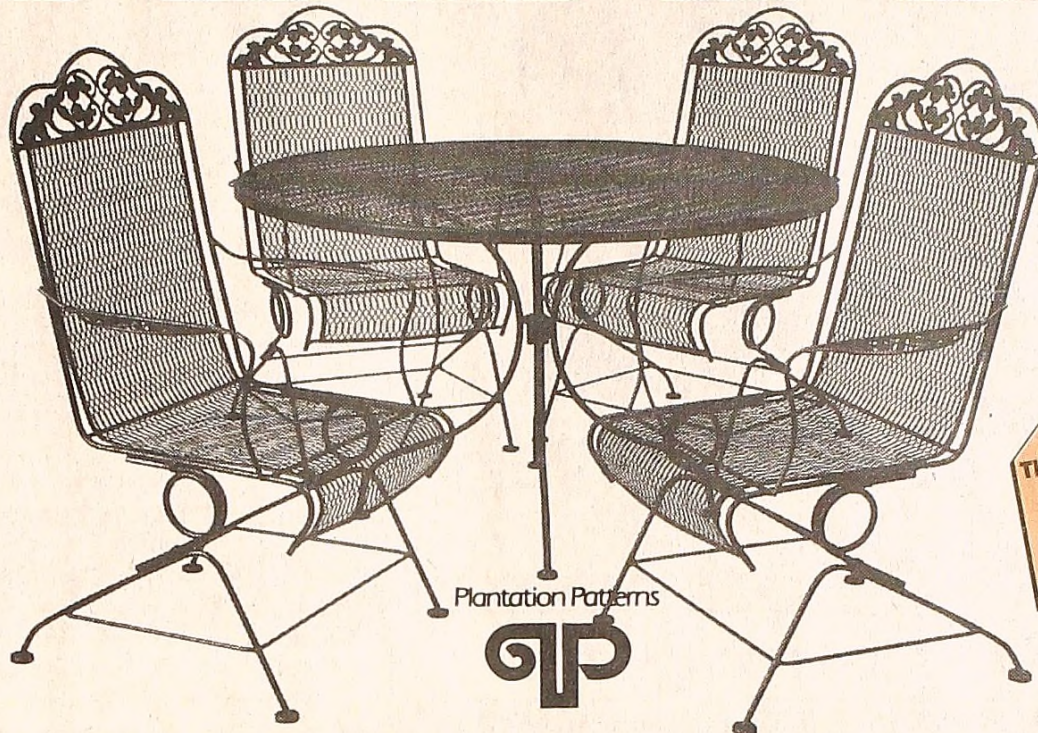
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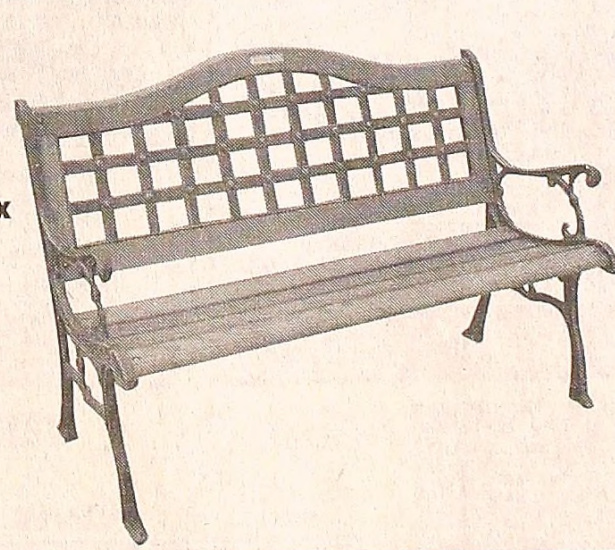
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